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Message from the Dean

Welcome to the College of Education!

As we celebrate 100 years of excellence, innovation, and impact, we find ourselves in an era of unprecedented opportunity and transformation. The College of Education continues to prepare professionals who will shape the future of education, counseling, leadership, and more. Our centennial marks not just a time for reflection but also for embracing the forward-thinking initiatives that have become hallmarks of our programs.

In today's ever-changing world, interdisciplinary partnerships and collaboration with external partners are more critical than ever. The college's faculty and staff work tirelessly to prepare professionals across a wide spectrum of fields, including teacher preparation, counseling, curriculum studies, educational leadership, higher education, science education, and special education. Our programs reflect our deep commitment to partnerships with schools, community agencies, centers, institutes, and international organizations, all of which aim to transform education and create lasting change.

One of our most innovative additions is the **Teacher Residency Program**, which offers students a year-long clinical teaching experience, placing student learning at the center of their preparation. Our ongoing dedication to **Learning by Scientific Design**, part of a national network, is revolutionizing how we train future educators, emphasizing evidence-based practices grounded in the science of learning.

As we enter the second century, we remain devoted to creating a diverse workforce of educators, counselors, and leaders who are prepared to serve in ways that reflect TCU's mission: *to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.*

The College of Education faculty are nationally recognized researchers, leaders in their respective fields, and award-winning educators. We continue to improve lives and communities through our collaborative programs, innovative research, and high-quality teaching. Our mission statement reflects this commitment: *The TCU College of Education prepares exemplary leaders for diverse educational settings and related fields who are reflective, ethical, innovative, and dedicated to all learners.*

The excitement and energy within the College of Education during our centennial year is palpable. Together, we are forging a path forward, enhancing the transformational educational experience we provide to our students. The past few years have taught us how essential our graduates—teachers, counselors, and leaders—are to the fabric of our society. They bring stability and embody the very best of TCU and the College of Education.

As we look to the next 100 years, we welcome your ideas and active participation in our college's ongoing success and evolution. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Go Frogs!

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College of Education - Mission, Vision, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Mission

The TCU College of Education prepares exemplary leaders for diverse educational settings and related fields who are reflective, ethical, innovative and committed to all learners.

Vision

We are committed to preparing individuals who will contribute to the creation of a humane and just society.

To accomplish this, the TCU College of Education:

- Engages students in ethical, responsible and meaningful scholarship and practice
- Fosters community collaboration locally and globally
- Expects excellence in all college endeavors

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The College of Education (COE) aims to support diversity within our schools and community-at-large and reflect the diversity of the broader community within our students, faculty, and staff, as well as in our curriculum, programming, and community engagement efforts. Diversity involves a wide range of identities and perspectives including, but not limited to, race, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, disability, and religion. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and consider education to be a civil and human right as well as a public good. We acknowledge that diversity can improve educational outcomes and provide varied perspectives that enrich scholarly endeavors, enhance creative activities, and increase relevance within the educational community.

We intend to:

- Advocate for equity and inclusion within the campus, our classrooms, schools, the community, and beyond;
- Prepare our students to work in diverse educational settings;
- Promote and support the enhanced recruitment of underrepresented students, faculty, and staff;
- Offer sustainable diversity, equity, and inclusion programs that provide learning opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the community; and
- Provide processes for the voices of COE students, faculty, and staff to be heard regarding issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, so that members of the COE community are included, respected, and valued.

Through these actions, we affirm our commitment to supporting equitable access to high quality educational opportunities for all persons in our college and beyond.

Please refer to the COE website for more information: <https://coe.tcu.edu/about/>

Educator Preparation Program Team

The TCU College of Education provides students who are preparing to become teachers support through a variety of professionals. These professionals include:

- the TCU College of Education Academic Advisor
- the TCU College of Education Faculty and Staff
- the field site Partner Teacher and/or Cooperating Teacher
- the field site Principal or Administrator
- the TCU College of Education Field Supervisor
- the TCU College of Education Coordinator of Field Experience, Alumni Relations, and Career Development
- the TCU College of Education and Educator Preparation Program Coordinators [Early Childhood (EC-6), Middle School/Secondary, Art, Habilitation of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Music, & Physical Education]
- the TCU College of Education Career Services Consultant
- the TCU College of Education Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment
- the TCU College of Education Department Chair of Teaching and Learning Sciences
- the TCU College of Education Associate Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies
- the TCU College of Education Dean

Partnership Schools and Districts

- [Aledo Independent School District](#)
- [Arlington Independent School District](#)
- [Birdville Independent School District](#)
- [Burleson Independent School District](#)
- [Carroll Independent School District](#)
- [Castleberry Independent School District](#)
- [Coppell Independent School District](#)
- [Crowley Independent School District](#)
- [Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District](#)
- [Everman Independent School District](#)
- [Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts \(FWAFA\)](#)
- [Fort Worth Independent School District](#)
- [Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District](#)
- [The Hill School](#)
- [Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District](#)
- [Joshua Independent School District](#)
- [Keller Independent School District](#)
- [Lake Worth Independent School District](#)
- [Lewisville Independent School District](#)
- [Midlothian Independent School District](#)
- [Starpoint School \(TCU Campus\)](#)
- [Trinity Valley School](#)
- [White Settlement Independent School District](#)

*Partnership districts are subject to change per semester, confirm with the Coordinator of Field Experience, Alumni Relations, and Career Development.

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Becoming a Teacher in Texas

Educator Skills

Prospective teachers in the state of Texas are required to demonstrate skills by passing content and pedagogy certification exams: Texas Examinations of Educator Standards, or TExES. For more information on becoming a certified teacher in Texas, please visit the [TEA website](#).

The pedagogy certification exam (Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities, EC-12) TExES exam is comprised of four domains:

- Designing instruction and assessment to promote student learning
- Creating a positive, productive classroom environment
- Implementing effective, responsive instruction and assessment.
- Fulfilling professional roles and responsibilities

For each domain, specific competencies support the educator standards.

Detailed information about the exams, domains, [Approved Educator Standards](#), and competencies for each certification area are available on the [Pearson website](#). Additional information is accessible on the [TEA Website: Educator Testing](#)

Professional Responsibilities

Compliance by all prospective and practicing teachers in Texas of the [Educators Code of Ethics](#) is required. Teachers must maintain high standards of professionalism in their daily practices and interactions with co-workers, students, community members, and other stakeholders. A copy of this document is included in the Appendix within this handbook.

Student Expectations

The [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\)](#) are the state standards that describe what students should know, understand, and be able to do. Teachers have a responsibility to teach to the standards, which represent high expectations for students set by the state of Texas.

TEKS for each subject area are accessible on the [TEA website](#).

Military Service Waivers

In accordance with 19 TAC §228.35(a)(5)(A), military service members or military veterans may be given credit for certain verified military service, training, or education toward the training, education, work experience or related requirements (other than certification examinations) for educator certification requirements, provided that the military service, train, or education is directly related to the certificate being sought. Contact [TCU Veteran Services Division of the Registrar's Office](#) the education department for additional information.

Effective September 1, 2015, the TEA waives certain fees for eligible military service members, military veterans, and military spouses. For more information, please see the [TEA website](#)

Information regarding Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans may be found in the [Texas Administrative Code 234](#).

Educator Preparation Program Degrees and Majors

The TCU College of Education offers the Bachelor of Science in Education [degree programs](#) in:

Early Childhood Education ([Grades EC-6](#))

- Generalist EC-6 with English as a Second Language (ESL) and Special Education
- Generalist EC-6 with Bilingual and Special Education Option

Middle School Education ([Grades 4-8](#))

- Language and Literacy (English/Language Arts, Reading with ESL)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Secondary Education ([Grades 7-12](#), except Physical Science)

- Language and Literacy (English/Language Arts, Reading with ESL)
- Life Science
- Physical Science (Grades 6-12)
- Social Studies

Educational Studies Major ([Double Major EDST](#))

- Communication Studies (Grades 7-12)
- English Language Arts (7-12)
- History (Grades 7-12)
- Mathematics (Grades 7-12)
- Languages Other Than English (Spanish) (Grades EC-12)
- Chemistry (Grades 7-12)
- Physics/Mathematics (Grades 7-12)

All-level Teacher Certification (EC-12)

- Art ([Grades EC-12](#))
- Music (Instrumental & Vocal) ([Grades EC-12](#))
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing ([Grades EC-12](#))
- Physical Education ([Grades EC-12](#))

Minor in Educational Studies: Students who wish to minor in Educational Studies take 18 hours of recommended course work. For detailed information, please see the TCU Catalog or download a program of study. **Students who minor in Educational Studies will NOT meet the requirements for teacher certification.**

Milestones: Early Childhood Education (EC-6) Program

TCU College of Education students who are seeking a teaching certification in early childhood education (EC- 6) must meet specific requirements designed to ensure sufficient preparation for a teaching career.

Milestone I: Academic Advising

Students meet with the College of Education [Academic Advisor](#) each semester, with the first meeting held during orientation prior to the first semester at TCU. The Academic Advisor will discuss appropriate degree plan coursework and College of Education admission requirements. Academic advising is mandatory the first four semesters at TCU, and recommended during all remaining semesters enrolled at TCU.

Milestone II: Admission to the College of Education

TCU students seeking a teaching certificate must formally apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program in the College of Education. To be eligible for admission, students must meet the [minimum requirements](#) at the time they apply. However, meeting only the minimum criteria does not ensure admission to the Teacher Education Program. The [Applications & Forms](#) page will allow students to access the application and required forms to the College of Education. Students applying for admission to the Teacher Education Program should do so by March 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission. Late applications will be considered as space is available. Minimum requirements for admission include:

- Completion of a minimum of 54 semester hours of coursework with an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Completion of a course in speech that carries/satisfies an OCO core requirement and EDUC 20003¹ or equivalent with a grade of C- or better.
- Met Professional Educator Disposition cut score on the EPP Admission Essay Rubric
- Completion of 12 hours of content area coursework².
- A grade of C- or better in all content areas and education courses taken prior to admission.
- Demonstrate [English Language Proficiency](#).
- Complete record of current (within one year) and clear [Group One](#) criminal record check^{3 & 4} (student is responsible for required fee).
- Completed [FERPA](#) agreement, included with application materials.
- Signed [Educator Code of Ethics Statement](#) and [Certificate of Ethics Training](#), included with application materials.
- Reviewed application by the College of Education Admission Committee (Documentation review may include: student files, academic advisor notes, Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning ([APPW](#)) proceedings and/or faculty input).

Candidates will receive a formal letter concerning admissions status from the TCU COE Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment. A formal response is required from the candidate to acknowledge entry into the College of Education.

The TCU COE Director of Accreditation, Certification and Assessment will send a formal letter to students sharing the lacking requirements or containing information about further steps and/or remediation. Upon meeting the requirements, review for admittance of the student's application will occur.

Certification candidates enrolled in the program will pay a TEA technology fee of \$35 upon admission to the College of Education. The fee appears on students' TCU student account. [19. TAC 229.9\(7\) \(C\)](#)

- ¹ Prior to admission to the College of Education, students may take education courses that do not have the prerequisite of admission: EDUC 20003, 30603, 30113, 30123, 30143, EDEC 20013, 20023, 30073, and 30103. Students may not register for any other education courses until formally admitted to the College of Education.
- ² Content areas for EC-6 majors include: History, Government, Mathematics, English, Lab Sciences, Geography, Fine Arts, and Speech.
- ³ Pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.083, candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to employment as an educator; and (2) pursuant to the TEC §22.0835, candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching.
- ⁴ A person who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a SBEC educator preparation program, or planning to take a certification exam may request a [preliminary criminal history](#) evaluation letter regarding the person's potential ineligibility for certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense. ([TAC §227.1\(d\)](#))

Any exception to these admission standards must have approval by the program faculty and the College of Education dean and/or designee.

Pedagogy and content courses taken at this university per degree plans and prior to admission into an educator preparation program (EPP) satisfy some state certification requirements. ([TAC §228](#))

Professional Educator Standards and specific Content Area Standards are accessible from the TEA website under [Approved Educator Standards](#). Scroll down to the Certification Standards area and select the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities and/or the Content Area for the appropriate certification.

TCU is committed to providing a positive learning, living and working environment free from discrimination and harassment. As a result, TCU prohibits a range of behaviors, including unlawful discrimination, harassment, and related sexual and other misconduct based on age,

race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, predisposing genetic information, covered veteran status, and any other basis protected by law, except as permitted by law. See TCU's Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, and Retaliation.

If you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against during the admissions process, you may report your concerns to TCU's Office of Institutional Equity. See TCU's Policy on Responding to Reports of Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, and Retaliation.

Milestone III: Retention in the Teacher Education Program, Testing, & Completing Coursework Prior to Clinical Teaching

Students who have elected to pursue a degree or major in the College of Education understand that the faculty and staff are dedicated to producing highly qualified and passionate professional educators. In order to achieve that goal, all candidates must:

- Maintain acceptable academic performance is identified as earning a minimum 2.75 GPA overall and a grade of "C-" or better in content area and education courses
- Maintain high professional standards in academic achievement and professional behavior, attitudes, demeanor, judgment, dependability, and reliability throughout educator preparation experiences
- Complete coursework for degree program prior to beginning Clinical Teaching. Candidates will complete a Coursework Acknowledgement Form to document remaining courses prior to Clinical Teaching. (Meet with Academic Advisor to ensure appropriate coursework is completed.)
- Coursework taken during the summer or an intersession must be successfully completed and noted on the transcript with the academic advisor prior to clinical teaching.
- Candidates may only take one 3-credit hour core course online or evening during clinical teaching with approval from the academic advisor.
- All education and content specific coursework will need to be completed prior to beginning the semester of clinical teaching.
- A grade of "C-" in education and/or content specific coursework and a 2.75 overall GPA or better will need to be achieved to continue in the educator preparation program.
- Candidates who do not achieve a "C-" or better and/or less than a 2.75 overall GPA will be required to meet with the program coordinator and academic advisor or other relevant staff/faculty member for an APPW meeting to determine how to proceed.
- Complete all TEA and course required field-based experience hours prior to beginning Clinical Teaching
- Successfully complete the course, EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar, before proceeding to Clinical Teaching.
- Complete all TEA and course required field-based experience hours prior to beginning Clinical Teaching

Termination/Self-Selected Exit – Admitted Candidates

Candidates admitted to the College of Education educator preparation program must maintain all requirements, demonstrate successful academic progress as outlined in the TCU Undergraduate Catalog and in accordance with TCU's Student Code of Conduct, and adhere to the Educator Code of Ethics and TCU policies and procedures.

Candidates removed or who self-select to exit from the TCU COE Educator Preparation Program are not successful program completers, thus will not be able to seek recommendation for educator certification through Texas Christian University. The Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment will send a formal letter of dismissal from the COE Educator Preparation Program to the candidate. A formal response is required from the Candidate to acknowledge receipt. The candidate will be removed from the TCU College of Education Educator Preparation program database with TEA. Candidates who do not formally respond to the letter after the given time period will be removed from the TCU College of Education Educator Preparation Program database with TEA. ([TAC §228](#))

EC-6 Blocked Coursework

Students in the EC-6 educator preparation program take courses in a blocked format such that the total number of students in the program is divided into two groups to form Block 1 and Block 2. The block format allows EC-6 program faculty to coordinate assignments and fieldwork to maximize learning experiences, and it provides students with the opportunity to build community and supportive peer networks. While students in both blocks take the same courses, their schedule arrangement is such that students in Block 1 take all classes together and student in Block 2 take all classes together. Due to the schedules for the TESOL and Special Education Methods coursework (and associated labs/fieldwork), block assignments are unchanged in the junior year. Students may be assigned to a new block in the start of their senior block. For more information about the block schedule, contact the EC-6 Program Coordinator or Academic Advisor.

Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExEs)

To be eligible to take the TExES certification exams for initial teacher certification, candidates must pass the practice representative exams with 80% accuracy, offered during the Professional Practice Seminar. Upon passing the appropriate practice exam, the COE Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment will approve the candidate for one attempt on the state exam and provide candidates with details on registering through [Pearson](#). It is a strong recommendation that candidates test at the earliest possibility upon approval.

Candidates who score below 80% on practice exams in EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar must present acceptable evidence of test preparation before a practice exam will be re-administered. A candidate who does not have a pass credit in the Professional Practice Seminar will be unable to have approval to take the TExES certification exams with the state. Successful completion of EDEC/EDUC 30001 is a pre-requisite for advancing to Clinical Teaching and Residency.

The College of Education is dedicated to ensuring each Candidate is successful on state exams. The faculty and staff will give every effort to provide any additional instruction and support, if needed to ensure success.

Students who fail to take the appropriate TExES exam(s) within three years of program completion must present documentation of an approved TExES review and/or additional coursework as determined by the EPP prior to receiving permission to test with the state.

Candidates who are not successful on any attempts on the actual state exams are required per TEA to provide evidence of remediation prior to being released for another attempt with the state.

There is a five-attempt limit on taking a single certification exam with a 30 day wait time between testing dates, as described in the [Texas Education Code §21.048\(a-1\)](#). Additional attempts would require State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) permission upon completion and payment for a [Test Limit Waiver](#).

Milestone IV: Application for Clinical Teaching

Candidates for Clinical Teaching must meet the following requirements for consideration:

- Completion of all content area and pedagogy coursework with a minimum of 2.75 GPA and no grade lower than a "C-".*
- A minimum overall TCU GPA of 2.75
- Successful completion of EDUC/EDEC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar
- Professionalism in attitude, demeanor, ability, and preparation per [Educators' Code of Ethics](#)
- Completion and documentation of all field-based coursework and hours

*Candidates must have successfully completed all course requirements on the degree plan prior to the clinical teaching semester. All transfer hours require approval and submission prior to the clinical teaching semester.

The Clinical Teaching Application Admission Committee, comprised of faculty and staff members familiar with the students' academic and professional status, reviews applications for clinical teaching and determines approval.

- Applications are due September 1 for spring clinical teaching and February 1 for fall clinical teaching
- A mandatory orientation is prior to clinical teaching to address requirements, meet field supervisors, discuss the certification process, and address questions and concerns.
- Clinical Teachers follow the district calendar with respect to start dates, holidays, and breaks. Clinical Teachers do not follow the TCU academic calendar during their clinical teaching semester.
- Some school and district partners may require the following: criminal record check, fingerprinting, proof of vaccinations, and/or documentation of membership to a

professional, educator organization. Any additional fees will be the responsibility of the candidate.

Milestone V: Clinical Teaching

Clinical teaching is an important element of the educator preparation process, providing pre-service teacher candidates the opportunity to make practical application of knowledge, learning principles and teaching techniques. Clinical teaching is a full day (minimum of 7 hours per day), full-time, school-based experience that involves supervision by both a cooperating teacher and TCU field supervisor. All TCU College of Education candidates are required to complete clinical teaching as part of their teacher certification program.

- EC-6 candidates will complete a minimum of 490 hours of clinical teaching in two assignments:
 - Primary, Grades PreK-2; and
 - Intermediate, Grades 3-6

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Milestones: Middle School Education

Milestone I: Academic Advising

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Milestone II: Admission to the College of Education

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- Completion of 12 hours of content area coursework² (15 hours required for content area math and science coursework).
- A grade of C- or better in all content areas and education courses taken prior to admission.
- Demonstrate [English Language Proficiency](#).
- Complete record of current (within one year) and clear [Group One](#) criminal record check^{3 & 4} (student is responsible for required fee).
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Any exception to these admission standards must have approval by the program faculty and the College of Education dean and/or designee.

Pedagogy and content courses taken at this university per degree plans and prior to admission into an educator preparation program (EPP) satisfy some state certification requirements. ([TAC §228](#))

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- Successfully complete the course, EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar, before proceeding to Clinical Teaching.
- Complete all TEA and course required field-based experience hours prior to beginning Clinical Teaching

Termination/Self-Selected Exit

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Program Overview

The middle school experience is one of transition and growth, both mentally and physically. Middle school students need teachers who can help them meet these challenges, find their strengths, and open up possibilities. This program provides the latest methods and strategies to teach middle school students. You will explore ways to successfully teach and engage all learners, as well as gain in-depth knowledge in your selected content area.

Academics and Curriculum

The Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education will equip you with the skills to teach middle school grades 4-8. In addition to education courses, you will take several courses related to your area of emphasis.

Student experiences include both educational theory and practice. You will take a range of educational coursework including:

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Candidates who score below 80% on practice exams in EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar must present acceptable evidence of test preparation before a practice exam will be re-administered. A candidate who does not have a pass credit in the Professional Practice

Seminar will be unable to have approval to take the TExES certification exams with the state. Successful completion of EDEC/EDUC 30001 is a pre-requisite for advancing to Clinical Teaching.

The College of Education is dedicated to ensuring each Candidate is successful on state exams. The faculty and staff will give every effort to provide any additional instruction and support, if needed to ensure success.

Students who fail to take the appropriate TExES exam(s) within three years of program completion must present documentation of an approved TExES review and/or additional coursework as determined by the EPP prior to receiving permission to test with the state.

Candidates who are not successful on any attempts on the actual state exams are required per TEA to provide evidence of remediation prior to being released for another attempt with the state.

There is a five-attempt limit on taking a single certification exam with a 30 day wait time between testing dates, as described in the [Texas Education Code §21.048\(a-1\)](#). Additional attempts would require State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) permission upon completion and payment for a [Test Limit Waiver](#).

Milestone IV: Application for Clinical Teaching

Candidates for Clinical Teaching must meet the following requirements for consideration:

- Completion of all content area and pedagogy coursework with a minimum of 2.75 GPA and no grade lower than a "C-".*
- A minimum overall TCU GPA of 2.75
- Successful completion of EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar
- Professionalism in attitude, demeanor, ability, and preparation per [Educators' Code of Ethics](#)
- Completion and documentation of all field-based coursework and hours

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Milestone V: Clinical Teaching

Clinical teaching is an important element of the educator preparation process, providing pre-service teacher candidates the opportunity to make practical application of knowledge, learning principles and teaching techniques. Clinical teaching is a full day (minimum of 7 hours per day), full-time, school-based experience that involves supervision by both a cooperating teacher and TCU field supervisor. All TCU College of Education candidates are required to complete clinical teaching as part of their teacher certification program.

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Milestones: Secondary Education

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Program Overview

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Academics and Curriculum

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Pedagogy and content courses taken at this university per degree plans and prior to admission into an educator preparation program (EPP) satisfy some state certification requirements. ([TAC §228](#))

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Milestone III: Retention in the Teacher Education Program, Testing, & Completing Coursework Prior to Clinical Teaching

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- Maintain high professional standards in academic achievement and professional behavior, attitudes, demeanor, judgment, dependability, and reliability throughout educator preparation experiences
- Complete coursework for degree program prior to beginning Clinical Teaching. Candidates will complete a Coursework Acknowledgement Form to document remaining courses prior to Clinical Teaching. (Meet with Academic Advisor to ensure appropriate coursework is completed.)
 - Coursework taken during the summer or an intersession must be successfully completed and noted on the transcript with the academic advisor prior to clinical teaching.
 - Candidates may only take one 3-credit hour core course online or evening during clinical teaching with approval from the academic advisor.
 - All education and content specific coursework will need to be completed prior to beginning the semester of clinical teaching.
 - A grade of "C-" in education and/or content specific coursework and a 2.75 overall GPA or better will need to be achieved to continue in the educator preparation program.
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- Successfully complete the course, EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar, before proceeding to Clinical Teaching.
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Termination/Self-Selected Exit – Admitted Candidates

Candidates admitted to the College of Education educator preparation program must maintain all requirements, demonstrate successful academic progress as outlined in the TCU

Undergraduate Catalog and in accordance with TCU's Student Code of Conduct, and adhere to the Educator Code of Ethics and TCU policies and procedures.

Candidates removed or who self-select exit from the TCU COE Educator Preparation Program are not successful program completers and will not be able to seek recommendation for educator certification through Texas Christian University. The Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment will send a formal letter of dismissal from the COE Educator Preparation Program to the candidate. A formal response is required from the Candidate to acknowledge receipt. The candidate will be removed from the TCU College of Education Educator Preparation program database with TEA. Candidates who do not formally respond to the letter after the given time period will be removed from the TCU College of Education Educator Preparation Program database with TEA. ([TAC §228](#))

Program Overview

This program provides the latest methods, strategies, and tools for teaching in secondary schools. You will learn ways to successfully teach and engage all learners as well as gain in-depth knowledge of your selected content area. Students who major in certain content areas outside the College of Education may obtain a major in Educational Studies. Completion of the educational studies major meets the requirements for teacher certification.

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The College of Education is dedicated to ensuring each Candidate is successful on state exams. The faculty and staff will give every effort to provide any additional instruction and support, if needed to ensure success.

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Candidates who are not successful on any attempts on the actual state exams are required per TEA to provide evidence of remediation prior to being released for another attempt with the state.

There is a five-attempt limit on taking a single certification exam with a 30 day wait time between testing dates, as described in the [Texas Education Code §21.048\(a-1\)](#). Additional attempts would require State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) permission upon completion and payment for a [Test Limit Waiver](#).

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Candidates for Clinical Teaching must meet the following requirements for consideration:

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- A minimum overall TCU GPA of 2.75
- Successful completion of EDEC/EDUC 30001: Professional Practice Seminar
- Professionalism in attitude, demeanor, ability, and preparation per [Educators' Code of Ethics](#)
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principles and teaching techniques. Clinical teaching is a full day (minimum of 7 hours per day), full-time, school-based experience that involves supervision by both a cooperating teacher and TCU field supervisor. All TCU College of Education candidates are required to complete clinical teaching as part of their teacher certification program.

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Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning (APPW)

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The faculty and staff within the College of Education are committed to identifying and intervening to assist students who demonstrate difficulties maintaining expected norms in their academic progress and/or professionalism.

A faculty member who has a concern about a student/candidate academic performance and/or professionalism may initiate the Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning ([APPW](#)) process.

The process operates as follows:

- The faculty member completes the APPW form describing the concerns and indicating potential strategies and solutions to resolve the problem(s).
- A conference between the student/candidate and two faculty members is required to complete the APPW form. During the conference, the parties discuss the student/candidate comprehension of the concerns and the course of action required to remediate the problem(s). The student/candidate and faculty sign the APPW contract documenting the meeting. If the student/candidate fails to respond or attend a conference, faculty will complete the form and notify the student/candidate via email.
- The Department Chair of Teaching and Learning Sciences, the student/candidate, and the Dean of Students Office will receive a copy of the completed document.
- Consideration for dismissal from the College of Education may occur for any student/candidate receiving three or more notices. Except in an unusually severe or critical situation, no one notice will result in dismissal from the college or program. Once a decision in regards to denial of admission or removal from the TCU COE Educator Preparation Program is made, the student/candidate will receive a formal exit/removal letter from the Director of Accreditation, Certification, and Assessment. A formal response is required from the candidate to acknowledge receipt. The candidate will be removed from the TCU College of Education Educator Preparation program database with TEA. ([TAC §228](#))
- The College of Education retains all documentation.

Professional Educator Dispositions

According to [TAC §227.10 \(8\)](#), an applicant to an educator preparation program (EPP) must submit an application and participate in either an interview or other screening instrument to determine if the EPP applicant's knowledge, experience, skills, and aptitude are appropriate for the certification sought. This includes an EPP applicant's professional dispositions.

Dispositions are a vital component of teacher preparation. Professional dispositions include the values, commitments, and professional ethics that influence behaviors towards students, families, colleagues, and communities that affect student learning, motivation, and development as well as the educator's own professional growth. Dispositions are guided by beliefs and attitudes related to values such as caring, fairness, honesty, responsibility, and social justice. For example, they might include a belief that all students can learn a vision of high and challenging standards, or a commitment to a safe and supportive learning environment (NCATE, 2008). Prospective educators at Texas Christian University are expected to develop and practice these positive attitudes, values, and beliefs throughout their preparation as professional educators.

As part of the EPP application process, each candidate will submit a signed commitment contract acknowledging awareness and understanding of the dispositions. As part of admission consideration for the College of Education, students will be assessed on the following professional domains: Personal Responsibility, Intellectual Engagement, Stewardship/Ethics, and Supportive Interactions.

Professional Dispositions for Teaching

Personal Responsibility

- Education professionals must take personal responsibility for their actions. Personal responsibility includes regular and punctual attendance to all class meetings and required activities, completing work on time, and demonstrating academic integrity in all situations.

Intellectual Engagement

- Education professionals demonstrate intellectual engagement with course material. Intellectual engagement includes preparing for class by studying the required material, responding to weekly questions thoroughly and completely, and actively making connections between concepts, experiences, and content.

Stewardship/Ethics

- Education professionals are good stewards of the integrity of our profession and the reputation of the TCU College of Education. Stewardship includes presenting oneself professionally to community members, parents, and other educators, and is

demonstrated through personal attire, punctuality, engagement, and productivity during school observations.

Supportive Interactions

- Education professionals value and demonstrate supportive interactions with others. Supportive interactions include contributing to the positive climate of the learning environment by listening to others, considering what they say with an open mind, demonstrating a value in commitment to diversity and social justice, and voluntarily adding insight into class discussions with thoughtful, reflective commentary.

Procedures for Assessing Dispositions

Professional Dispositions are evaluated using an admission essay administered and scored by faculty in a proctored setting. The process is outlined below.

- EPP applicants respond in writing to three prompts provided at the beginning of the proctored writing time.
- Applicants are scored by faculty and EPP staff on a 3-point rubric (e.g., satisfactory, needs improvement, and unsatisfactory) for each prompt. Applicants are also scored on grammar and overall written communication, bringing the total possible points to 8.
- If the combined total score for the applicant is less than 4 and/or if any of the rubric categories are scored as 0, then the candidate will be denied admission.
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- Monitoring of applicants will continue on an ongoing basis by TCU faculty and staff members. An educator candidate's professional dispositions may be assessed in TCU College of Education courses related to educator preparation coursework, during any clinical field experience, and in other instructional settings associated with educator preparation. When any dispositional concerns arise, the faculty or staff member completes an Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning (APPW). On the APPW, the faculty or staff will describe the applicant's unprofessional or concerning behaviors, and then collectively decide on an action plan to address the concerns by a specified date. Depending on the nature of the dispositional concern, a range of options, including removal from the educator preparation program (EPP), may be considered. The instructor, staff member, or field supervisor identifying a deficiency or behavior inconsistent with established dispositions for teaching will follow these procedures.

Dress Code for all Field-Based Experiences and Clinical Teaching

TCU's College of Education clinical teachers have a positive presence and reputation in and with cooperating school districts. The following professional dress code was created by TCU College of Education faculty, cooperating teachers, and school district principals. Please review carefully.

- All College of Education students and clinical teachers will wear a TCU engraved name badge or the assigned school's ID badge at all times. [TCU Bookstore](#)
- Dress consistently with the school dress code. Please refer to your cooperating teacher, school administration, employee handbook, or student code of conduct.
- Follow the school policies with regard to piercings and tattoos.
- Shirts or blouses (not t-shirts) should have sleeves. If you wear a top that is sleeveless or has spaghetti straps, you will need to also wear a jacket or sweater at all times during the school day.
- Pants, slacks, or dress pants should be mid-calf in length or longer. Students must not wear low- slung pants/hip-huggers. Your pants must be high enough to cover your lower back and undergarments when bending over.
- Skirts or dresses should be knee-length or longer, with slits no more than 4" above the knee.
- Wear professional, sensible shoes appropriate to the setting.
- Avoid clothing that is suggestive, excessively tight, or revealing. Completely cover undergarments at all times. In the classroom setting, loose clothing is "in." No bare midriffs, sleeveless, or low-cut tops. You must be able to sit and bend over without running the risk of exposing yourself or undergarments.
- Consult with school administration when wearing t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, or hats for special occasions.
- From time to time, a school will have special days, field trips or events. Please refer to your cooperating teacher for suggestions concerning appropriate attire on those days.

Safety Guidelines: Suggestions for your safety off-campus

Walking to and from your car:

- Have entry/ignition keys in hand before starting for your car so you are not trying to find them while you walk to the car or standing at the car door.
- Stay alert when crossing the parking lot and watch for suspicious persons.
- Keep your cell phone accessible.
- Even if your car was locked when you left it, check the interior prior to entry for uninvited guests.
- If a stranger approaches you, continue walking to your car, politely decline requests for money or information. Do not stop walking to your car.
- If asked for help, offer to call the police or suggest they return to the business. DO NOT offer assistance yourself or allow a stranger to use your cell phone.
- If a situation seems suspicious, look for someone to help you or dial 9-1-1.

While driving:

- Follow established roadways. Use familiar streets, not back roads or “shortcuts.”
- Make sure all doors are locked while driving.
- Put purses, backpacks and/or other valuables out of sight, if possible, cover item(s) with a towel, blanket or jacket.
- Stay alert at stop signs and traffic lights.
- Do not leave your car’s engine running while you are out or away from the car.
- If your car breaks down or you have a flat tire, call for assistance from within your (locked) car and remain inside until help arrives.
- Do not travel to remote areas by yourself.
- Be sure you have plenty of gasoline before you start your trip.
- Plan your route. Use a reliable application (Waze, Google Maps, etc.) for directions prior to leaving.

If you should become involved in an accident:

- At night, drive (if possible) to a lighted area.
- If possible, move your car out of traffic.
- If the occupant(s) of the other car make(s) you feel uncomfortable, call the police from within your (locked) car and remain inside until the police arrive.
- Take a picture with your cell phone or jot down the description and license number of the other car while you wait for the police.

Media and Social Networking Professionalism for all Field-Based Experiences and Clinical Teaching

- Refer to TCU and the assigned school or district policies about appropriate technology use.
- Appropriate use of cell phones in compliance with local school policy at all times.
- Do not take pictures of students without permission. Refer to the assigned partner school or district policy and to your field supervisor.
- Social networking with anyone during school hours is unacceptable. Further, COE students and candidates should not “friend” students or parents, or communicate with them on a personal basis at any time while pursuing an educator credential through TCU. Posting pictures or remarks regarding students, parents or faculty on social networking sites is a violation of the [Educator’s Code of Ethics](#).
- Personal Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat (all social networking sites) accounts need to be reviewed for appropriate content and secured.
- Emailing of students and/or parents must comply with district or school policy and only with prior approval from a district or school employee.
- Professional communication and demeanor are expectations of all TCU COE students and candidates.
- All users must abide by rules of network etiquette – Netiquette, including the following:
 - Be polite. Use appropriate language and graphics. No swearing, vulgarities, suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or threatening language.
 - Avoid language and/or graphic representations, which may be offensive to other users. Do not use network or Internet access to make, distribute, or redistribute jokes, stories, or other material, which has slurs or stereotypes relating to race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation.
 - Do not assume that a sender of e-mail is giving his or her permission to forward or redistribute the message to third parties or to give his/her e-mail address to third parties. This should only occur with permission.
- Violations of the Texas Educator Code of Ethics are taken seriously, are determined by COE stakeholders (cooperating teachers, partnering district administrators, COE field supervisors, Director of Field Experience and Community Partnerships, COE faculty, and/or COE administration), and may be grounds for dismissal from the program and/or not being recommended by the COE to TEA for an educator certificate.

Due to the rapidly evolving nature of technology, this list is not exhaustive, nor does it detail every conceivable inappropriate use of the electronic communication system. When the conformance of a particular activity to policy or regulation is unclear, this list should be a guide to gauge whether it is acceptable or not.

General Information Applicable to Field-Based Experiences and Clinical Teaching

Students/Candidates responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Coursework:** Complete all stated class requirements with a grade of C- or better in all education and content area coursework, including the documentation of completing the required number of field experience hours during and prior to clinical teaching.
- **Professional Behavior:** Develop a positive professional reputation within the College of Education, among peers, and with Partner/Cooperating teachers through the field-based experiences. Follow the Texas Educators' Code of Ethical Behavior.
- **Absences/Late Arrivals/Leaving Early:** Students/Candidates are responsible for notifying their Partner/Cooperating Teacher(s) and their TCU professor(s) or supervisors prior to any absence (if possible). Absences will be made-up at the discretion of the Partner/Cooperating Teacher and the TCU faculty member or supervisor. Avoid late arrivals and leaving early, as they are a disruption to the learning environment. A pattern of absences, late arrivals, and leaving early will negatively affect the candidate's grades and professional reputation.
- **Transportation and Meals:** Students/Candidates are responsible for their own transportation to, from their field experiences, and for all meals while participating in field experiences.
- **TB Tests and Health Care Expenses:** Most schools and school districts require verification of a current negative TB test result for people working or observing in their schools. The TCU Health Center may provide TB testing. Please check with the TCU Health Center for more information. Other health care issues are the sole responsibility of the candidate while participating in field experiences. More specifically, students/candidates are responsible for any expenses related to personal injuries that may occur during field-based experiences.
- **Criminal Records Check:** The TCU College of Education and most schools and school districts will require students to maintain a current, clear criminal record. Students/Candidates are responsible for completing forms and fees for a criminal record check in a timely manner. A student/candidate may be required to complete fingerprinting, provide immunization records, and submit documentation of membership to a professional organization (liability insurance) and/or additional documentation to be approved as a student observer or clinical teacher. Schools and school districts may have differing requirements, please refer to the requirements for each assigned placement.

Field-Based Experiences Prior to Clinical Teaching

The TCU College of Education educator preparation program is committed to providing students with relevant and research-based pedagogy coupled with intensive and ongoing field-based experiences in a variety of authentic educational settings with diverse student populations.

Students will complete field-based experiences incorporated with preparation coursework throughout their determined degree program. The experiences must occur on TEA or TEPSAC accredited campuses with certified educators for a minimum of 50 hours after formal admission to the EPP and prior to clinical teaching. Student participation in classrooms may vary each semester, but must include observation and engagement in classroom activities. Students may also be a part of the lesson planning process and implementation. Field-based experiences utilize the appropriate forms (See Appendix).

- Observing. Observation hours typically involve watching and paying close attention to the children, classroom environment, instructional techniques, classroom routines, and interpersonal relationships. Depending on what the professor expects from this experience, candidates may find it helpful to take detailed notes about the observations and ask questions of the partner teacher regarding reasons for interactions and instructional methods. “Why” and “How” questions help establish a knowledge base for choosing one’s own methods for both instruction and management. Making a seating chart and quickly learning the names of students helps build relationships and shows an active interest in learning everything possible from the field-based experience observations. The candidate should use these experiences as opportunities for interaction and reflection of classroom/campus practices and educational activities.
- Engagement. Field-based experiences may begin with a few hours of observation time but shortly thereafter, the candidate should expect more involvement with the students. This may be limited interaction at first, such as monitoring students working at their desks, giving one-on-one assistance, opening/closing activities, attendance, grading, passing out papers or materials, or reading aloud to students. If ready and the partner teacher agrees, teaching a few short, prepared lessons to a small or large group of pre-K-12 students may occur. Co-teaching strategies may also occur during this time.
- Co-Teaching/Teaching. After an appropriate amount of observation and interaction a classroom, greater portions of classroom responsibilities may occur. Teaching lessons enables more responsibility for planning and teaching lessons under the guidance of a partner teacher and the university supervisor or professor. Formal lesson plans require approval and written in collaboration with the partner teacher(s). Feedback about the lesson plan will increase the likelihood of the student’s success in teaching the lesson and K- 12 student learning the content.

Field-Based Experiences - Roles and Responsibilities

Role of Team Member: TCU Student

You are a guest in the assigned school, and the expectation is to support school policies and personnel. The following of all school rules and regulations are a requirement. This is the time to observe, interact, engage, and reflect on all aspects of the classroom and school community. In general, expect to join the life of the school.

- Maintain professionalism at all times, including dress, attitude, communication, and confidentiality.
- Adhere to professional ethics (Educator Code of Ethics) to relations with students, staff, special teachers, building and grounds maintenance staff, office staff, and other school community members.
- Assume responsibility for the quality of the placement experience by being a thoughtful observer, reflective future educator, and by displaying self-reliance, desire, enthusiasm, and initiative. Seek out new involvement possibilities and ask for new assignments or responsibilities.
- Be punctual and prepared each day. Notify your partner teacher and the TCU Field Supervisor as soon as possible if you are sick or in case of an emergency.
- Communicate with the TCU Field Supervisor about problems, progress, and visitation/observation times. If you have ANY concerns or problems, discuss them with your partner teacher first. If you cannot resolve the issue in this manner, call, text or e-mail your TCU Field Supervisor immediately!
- Participate in co-teaching experiences
- Upon approval, develop detailed written lesson plans; review and discuss the lesson plans with the partner teacher in advance of delivery of the lesson.
- Observe the instructional strategies of the partner teacher and the classroom management techniques employed.
- Learn the names of the students in the assigned class (es), as well as the relevant staff members of the school.
- Be reflective on all aspects of the classroom and school environment throughout field experiences; submit a detailed written reflection that is unique from each experience that identifies educational practices observed and/or experienced.
- Submit all required documentation of field experience observations: location, days/times, signatures (see appendix for form). Maintain copies for own files.

Role of Team Member: Partner Teacher

Partner teachers are TEA certified educators that collaborates with students and field supervisors during early field-based experiences and for some are the first opportunity to observe teachers from a different perspective. The partner teacher will “sign off” on

documentation form of field experience observations. This responsibility is a highly significant one and we appreciate the commitment to this school community and university partnership.

Qualifications: TEA requires that partner teachers hold a valid educator certificate. ([TAC §228](#))

Role of Team Member: TCU, College of Education Instructor (Early Field-Based Experiences)

Course instructors are responsible for establishing and maintaining partnerships with field-based sites, orientation of students, overseeing of the placement assignments and conducting supervision.

Qualifications: Master's degree or Doctorate degree

Clinical Teaching

The College of Education at TCU works closely with partnership districts and campuses that meet the requirements and accreditation by [TEA](#) / [TEPSAC](#) to provide the highest quality-learning environment for our future educators. The placement process begins with the application online. Upon submission, the application goes through review and discussion with the program directors as well as the Chair of Teaching and Learning Sciences and Graduate programs. The Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development, holds application meetings with candidates to discuss application information and placement considerations. Guarantee of placements does not occur until the district or school approves the placement and clearance of all criminal records are received. TCU College of Education may request placements, but the school district and administrators ultimately confirm placements.

[TAC §228](#). Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training (F1(A)(i); 1(B)(ii), 6 and 9(A) clinical teachers will need to be placed in schools that are TEA/TEPSAC approved as well as schools that are part of the TCU College of Education partnership.

- Public Schools
- Charter Schools
- *Independent, Private or Parochial schools (non-public schools) that have approval by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission ([TEPSAC](#))

Coursework and Clinical Teaching Outline

UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL TEACHING	ADVANCED CLINICAL TEACHING *Graduate bridge course
One Semester	One Semester
Pass/Fail	Graded (A, B or C)
EDEC 42236 (Early Childhood-Grade 6) EDMS 40986 (Middle School, Grades 4-8) EDSE 40986 (Secondary, Grades 7-12) EDUC 40966 (All Level)	EDEC 42236 (Early Childhood-Grade 6) EDUC 55980 (Middle School, Grades 4-8 / Secondary, Grades 7-12)
*Minimum of 490 Hours	*Minimum of 490 Hours
1-2 Grade Level Placement(s)	1-2 Grade Level Placement(s)
Graduation in December or May	Graduation in December or May
Weekly Reports (Minimum of 14)	Weekly Reports (Minimum of 14)
Informal Observations (Minimum of 3)	Informal Observations (Minimum of 3)
Formal Observations (Minimum of 4)	Formal Observations (Minimum of 4)
Mid & End Evaluations (Minimum of 2)	Mid & End Evaluations (Minimum of 2)
1 TCU Field Supervisor	1 TCU Field Supervisor
	TCU-COE Research & Pedagogy Festival

Clinical Teaching – Roles and Responsibilities

Role of Team Member: Clinical Teacher (Student Teacher)

Clinical teaching is a full-time job. This includes responsibility for the entire class plus any out-of-class responsibilities. Daily attendance and preparation should reflect the seriousness of this responsibility. Clinical Teachers are guests in the assigned school, and thus and support and follow all of the school policies and personnel is an expectation. In general, expect to join the life of the school.

The clinical teacher will:

- Conduct themselves in a professional manner; dress, attitude, communication.
- Exemplify professionalism in dealing with confidential information.
- Adhere to professional ethics (Educator Code of Ethics) to relations with students, staff, special teachers, building and grounds maintenance staff, office staff, and other school community members.
- Assume responsibility for the quality of the placement experience, seek out new involvement possibilities, ask for new assignments or responsibilities as soon as possible, and display self-reliance, desire, enthusiasm and initiative.
- Take part in out-of-class activities such as PTA/PTO, faculty and professional meetings, book fairs, etc.
- Will not serve as a substitute teacher, unless in residency placement.
- Be on time and prepared each day, arriving when your cooperating teacher arrives or earlier and staying until your cooperating teacher leaves.
- Notify the cooperating teacher and the TCU Field Supervisor as soon as possible if you are sick or in case of an emergency. You will be required to make up any absences at the end of your clinical/student teaching experience to reach a minimum 490 hours. TEA requirement: minimum of 490 hours that is not less than an average of 4 hours each day in the subject and grade level of certification sought, not including lunch ([TAC§228](#)) Documentation of medical or other emergency must be submitted to the TCU Field Supervisor for filing in candidates TEA folder.
- Communicate with the TCU Field Supervisor about problems, progress and visitation/observation times. If you have ANY concerns or problems, discuss them with your Cooperating Teacher first. If you cannot resolve the issue in this manner, call, text or e-mail your TCU Field Supervisor immediately!
- Develop detailed written lesson plans in advance of delivery of lessons.
- Participate in co-teaching activities with cooperating teacher
- Review and discuss the lesson plans with the cooperating teacher and TCU field supervisor before the lesson begins.
- Observe the instructional strategies of the cooperating teacher and the classroom management techniques employed.
- Learn the names of the students in the assigned class or classes, as well as the relevant staff members of the school.

- Ask to test new ideas within the structure the cooperating teacher has established, making them available to the cooperating teacher several days in advance of a given lesson.
- Be continually involved in the self-evaluation process. This includes examining the goals and outcomes of each instructional activity, soliciting feedback with suggestions for improvement, and seeking immediate answers to problems.
- Develop artifacts and representations for self-evaluation of your work, both formative and summative.
- Be prepared for and reflective on all performance gates (Informal/Formal Lesson Observations and Mid/Final Benchmarks) that occur throughout the TCU COE Educator Preparation Program.

Google Drive – is a cloud-based storage system that will house artifacts for field experience coursework and documentation for TCU COE and TEA. Each candidate will have an assigned folder for maintaining records in real-time that are accessible to the instructor, field supervisor, and COE faculty and staff. At the end of each semester, the files will be downloaded for recordkeeping and TEA review.

An additional resource is [TCU Box](#), a cloud-based storage and collaboration service for current TCU employees and students. The platform is similar to the features of Google Drive and Box. TCU Information Technology for students: 817.257.5855.

All documentation is shareable with TCU-COE faculty, field supervisors, cooperating teachers, administrators and future employers.

BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF. Clinical teaching is both intensive and exciting. Organize your time; get enough rest; eat well; and avoid undue stress while clinical teaching. You will perform best if you are fresh and mentally alert. Most importantly, be reflective and enjoy your experience!

TCU Dean of Students

- Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday
- Location: The Harrison, First Floor, Suite 1600
- Phone: 817.257.7926
- Email: deanofstudents@tcu.edu

The TCU Counseling and Mental Health Center has a 24/7 counseling line that offers telephone counseling to all TCU students anytime, day or night, and even during semester breaks. If you feel the need to talk with a counselor, please call 817.257.7233 (SAFE).

In case of after-hour emergencies, please contact the [TCU Police](#) at 817.257.7777

Role of Team Member: Cooperating Teacher

Cooperating teachers are collaboratively assigned by the EPP and campus administrator holding a key position among teacher educators. Studies reveal that teachers describe their student teaching experience as having had a profound influence in determining the kind of teacher they will become. Cooperating teachers are in a unique position to induct newcomers into the profession and to pass on the “torch of experience” to those who will follow in their work and service. This responsibility is a highly significant one and we appreciate the commitment to this school community and university partnership.

Qualifications: TEA requires that cooperating teachers have at least three creditable years of classroom experience, an accomplished educator as shown by student learning, a valid SBEC certification in the certification category for which the clinical teacher candidate is seeking certification, trained by the EPP including co-teaching and coaching. ([TAC §228](#))

The role of the cooperating teacher is to TEACH the candidate what they know about the teaching profession, COACH the candidate so that the clinical (student) teacher’s skills can develop in a supportive environment, and provide opportunities for the teacher candidate to REFLECT on the many aspects of the teaching and learning process. By encouraging the teacher candidate to analyze his/her own progress and identify problems with possible solutions, the transfer into the role of decision-maker in his/ her own classroom will be more easily made. Providing a climate for open and honest discussion of questions and concerns will help to create an environment of growth and support system the teacher candidate needs in order to be successful.

Within the first two weeks of the placement, a team conference is set to meet with the assigned clinical teacher and the TCU field supervisor. Please review the following guidelines in anticipation of the conference so that you can ask for any clarifications.

- Ensure adequate continuity, class contact and supervision of the clinical teacher program. The clinical teacher should be a part of a teaching team and not a consideration as a replacement for the regular classroom teacher.
- Define the clinical teacher’s role in terms of his/her duties and responsibilities. To accomplish this, you should:
 - Conference with the clinical teacher early in the experience to clarify his/her developing role in your classroom.
 - Provide many opportunities for the clinical teacher to observe methods that are appropriate to the teaching profession.
 - Assist the clinical teacher in developing a professional attitude in all of his/her contacts with school and community.
 - Acquaint the clinical teacher with the campus and district policies and regulations.
 - Clarify the clinical teacher’s responsibilities with respect to preparing lesson plans, securing and organizing appropriate materials, and other necessary activities; and
 - Advising the clinical teacher well in advance of the time when any lesson or unit is expected to be taught.

- Ensure the clinical teacher’s induction in actual teaching is at a rate that seems appropriate for a clinical teacher. A helpful model is a 3-phase process:
 1. The cooperating teacher directly models planning and lesson teaching,
 2. The clinical teacher teaches a comparable lesson using the cooperating teacher’s lesson plans, and
 3. The clinical teacher co-plans, co-teaches, and lead teaches lessons.
- Make sure the clinical teacher has planned adequately before permitting to teach. Choose a time to meet daily with your clinical teacher to preview planned lessons and provide feedback and constructive criticisms.
- Keep the clinical teacher informed of progress, making constructive suggestions and criticisms, as necessary. Continue to coach and evaluate the clinical teacher on a regular basis, even after the clinical teacher has taken over the teaching responsibilities completely.
- Assist the clinical teacher in reflecting on and analyze their teaching practice.
- Review the clinical teacher’s daily activities, problems, and successes with the TCU COE field supervisor, who is available to provide assistance in your role of cooperating teacher, and partner with you in clinical supervision. The field supervisor will make an initial visit; conduct a minimum of three informal and four formal observations for clinical teachers assigned a full semester. Other informal visits may be un-announced and should occur bi-weekly, ensuring many opportunities to discuss concerns, but you should feel welcome to contact the supervisor at any time. Do not hesitate to ask for assistance or suggestions. Openly communicate with the TCU field supervisor to ensuring the immediate addressing of any problems or concerns.
- Participate in reviewing the weekly reflection report to describe each week’s progress and participation. TEA requires a daily log of your clinical teachers’ activities, and incorporate in the weekly report. The clinical teacher will help complete this form, and it will share with the TCU field supervisor weekly.
- If weekly progress becomes a concern, and/or if you have a concern with a clinical teacher’s potential for success, you may initiate a supportive intervention using the TCU College of Education form, Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning ([APPW](#)). The concern may be academic or relate to the clinical teacher’s professional attitude, demeanor, abilities, or preparation. The process operates as follows:
 - The cooperating teacher fills out the [APPW](#) form (Available on the www.coe.tcu.edu website or from the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development) describing the situation or concern(s) in as much detail as possible, indicating any steps taken with the student to resolve the problem, and detailing recommendations for resolution.
 - A conference between the clinical teacher and the cooperating teacher is required at the time the form is completed. The TCU field supervisor attends this conference, to assist in discussing their understanding of the circumstances, generating a list of potential solutions, and encouraging the clinical teacher to select a strategy or solution he/she thinks will work. The APPW becomes a “Growth contract” specifying the desired action(s). This contract does not become part of the clinical teacher’s permanent record.

- Submission of the completed form occurs to the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development, Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning Sciences, and the Associate Dean of Teacher Education, Assessment, and Undergraduate Studies.
- The period specified on the form becomes a probationary period allowing you to monitor the clinical teacher's performance according to the contract. A student failing to follow through on the contract may be withdrawn from the placement, or (in severe cases) considered for termination from clinical (student) teaching or dismissal from the program. Dismissal from the educator preparation program will result in non- recommendation for educator certification with Texas Christian University.
- If you have a concern with a TCU field supervisor, contact the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development, directly via phone 817-257-7662 or email.
- At the midpoint (Approximately the 7th week) and at the end of the clinical teacher's assignment, please complete the Benchmark Evaluation Form to be shared with both the field supervisor and the clinical teacher.
- At the end of the placement, please write a letter of reference for your clinical teacher that will go in his/her permanent file and for job applications.

TCU Cooperating Teacher Professional Development

TEA and TCU-COE require professional development (Cooperating teacher training) each semester that you host a clinical teacher. The program design allows that you may participate sufficiently to meet the minimum requirement to acknowledge your commitment to sponsoring a clinical teacher and the understanding of the TCU-COE educator preparation program. We hope that you will learn about best practices for co-teaching, effective coaching, with opportunities to give feedback regarding TCU's program, and you will receive professional development credit for further participating by completing additional modules.

Welcome for Cooperating Teachers (Required)

Cooperating teachers will need to complete the Cooperating Teacher Application (see appendix) within the first 15 days of the TCU COE candidate's placement.

Role of Team Member: Building Principal/Administrator

The principal is the building's chief executive and instructional leader and is ultimately responsible for the welfare of students, teachers and other personnel. Except for the superintendent, the principal is the final authority on all matters that affect the school campus.

The school principal plays a very important role in facilitating and coordinating clinical teachers. The administrator provides a positive environment for clinical teachers within the building, orient faculty to their role in the policies and regulations of the cooperative schools, assists the clinical (student) teachers in becoming acquainted with the faculty community, stays

informed about the progress of student teachers, and may observe clinical teachers and provide feedback. In order for the partnership to be successful, the principal will:

- Establish guidelines of the expectations of being a part of the school community.
- Be informed of the TCU clinical teacher's progress. They will receive copies of the clinical teacher's observation evaluations (4 minimum per semester), benchmark(s) and summary sheet from the TCU field supervisor. He/she must acknowledge receipt of these copies either by email reply or by signing the confirmation form at the end of the clinical teaching assignment;
- Encourage cooperating teachers to expand their knowledge of coaching and mentoring via professional development opportunities within the school, district, local educational service center and/or participating in the TCU, College of Education, Cooperating Teacher Professional Development;
- Try to include the TCU clinical teacher(s) in campus activities (Faculty meetings, PTA/PTO events, extracurricular activities and/or professional development);
- Introduce clinical teachers to parents and volunteers as opportunities arise;
- Will have opportunities for informal and/or formal observation of the TCU clinical teacher(s) to provide feedback during the semester.
- Provide encouragement and constructive feedback to support the TCU clinical teacher(s).
- Maintain open communication with all of the partners throughout the semester (Cooperating teacher(s), TCU clinical teacher(s) and TCU field supervisor).

If the principal or campus administrator has any concerns or suggestions for the clinical teaching program, he/she may contact the assigned TCU field supervisor or Director of Field Experience and Community Partnerships directly via telephone 817.257.7662 or e-mail.

Role of Team Member: TCU COE Field Supervisor

Supervising clinical teachers is a complex task. In addition to visiting, observing, and conferencing with your candidates, you serve as a key liaison between the university, cooperating teachers and the assigned schools, which requires a mixture of administrative skills and "people" skills. The TCU College of Education requires that the TCU COE field supervisor meets all TEA requirements, is an accomplished educator as shown by student learning, has three creditable years of experience, is a skilled communicator, seminar teacher, mentor, and facilitator, but we also ask that supervisors deliver, monitor, and maintain documentation that can only be completed on-site by the clinical teacher and the cooperating teacher(s).

- Maintain professional credentials for the position of field supervisor (current TEA certificate, T-TESS Observer Training, and Field Supervisor training) ([TAC §228](#)).
- Provide a communication link between the TCU College of Education, candidate, campus administrator/principal and the cooperating teacher to clarify the goals and objectives for clinical teaching.

- Communicate with clinical teacher candidate(s) and cooperating teacher(s) on a weekly basis in person, via email, digital platform, and phone or group text.
- Conduct structured guidance and regular ongoing support to assigned clinical teacher(s)
- Maintain communication with the administration at the cooperating school to enlist its assistance in the development and success of TCU, College of Education's educator preparation and clinical teaching programs.

Below you will find guidelines for supervising the clinical teacher candidates as they work toward teacher certification. Some of the activities fall into the administrative category and completion must occur in a timely fashion. Other items listed are for the documentation process.

Pre-Teaching Phase

The TCU COE Field Supervisor:

- Contacts the cooperating teacher for the placement (if assigned) prior to the clinical teacher's arrival.
- Makes an initial phone call or e-mail to check on the clinical teacher placement during the first week of the assignment.
- Arranges a team conference (Cooperating teacher, clinical teacher and field supervisor) to take place within the first two weeks of the assignment. The conference is to serve as training for the cooperating teacher on TEA requirements, coaching, co-teaching, and a review of all TCU COE EPP requirements.
- The training provided will support the clinical teacher and cooperating teacher during the semester. The conference will be documented on the TEA Summary Form.
- Orients the clinical teacher and cooperating teacher to assignment, calendar, expectations (syllabus and handbook) and procedures to be completed and followed.
- Facilitates a second team conference (cooperating teacher, clinical teacher and TCU field supervisor) within the first 2 weeks of the second placement (if assigned).
- Maintains documentation of meetings, observations and evaluations on the TEA Summary form.

Induction Phase

The TCU COE Field Supervisor:

- Conducts a minimum of 3 informal observations (a minimum of 15 minutes in duration) with written feedback on targeted skills in a post-observation conference. First one occurring prior to the first formal observation and within the first six weeks.
- Conducts a pre-conference (via email, phone or in person) to discuss the clinical teacher's plans and determine a focus for the observation, taking the clinical teacher's suggestions into consideration.
- Conducts a minimum of 4 formal observations (a minimum of 45 minutes in duration) during the semester using the T-TESS protocol.
- Conducts a post-conference to discuss the formal observation within 24 hours of the observation.

- Provides the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development written feedback and documentation for each of the formal observations as well as the team conference via the Google documentation. The information (dates, times and signatures) will be recorded on the TEA Summary form. Arrangement of some visits occur in advance with the clinical teacher and/or cooperating teachers. Some visits will be informal and unannounced. Campus visits may occur each week.
- Shares teaching and learning experiences in the classroom with the clinical teacher(s) and cooperating teacher(s).
- Reviews lesson plans by asking questions and giving suggestions.
- Initiates discussions about teaching styles and facilitates collaboration so that the strategies and styles of the clinical teacher and the cooperating teacher will mesh sufficiently for each to learn from one another.
- Listens to the clinical teacher's concerns and assists the clinical teacher in articulating his/her goals for improving practice.
- Provides detailed information to the clinical teacher including comments on instructional delivery, use of supportive materials, and classroom management skills.
- Has discussions with the clinical teacher about:
 - Literacy concerns of their students;
 - Student behavior both generally and specifically;
 - Inclusion situations and students with special needs;
 - Diversity issues;
 - Curriculum and instructional practices; and
 - Confers with the clinical teacher and the cooperating teacher as often as needed to encourage and assist.
- Assists with challenges encountered in relationships with the cooperating teacher(s), staff and/or students.
- Assesses the clinical teacher's sense of "self-assessment" and determines any need(s) for further guidance to develop self-assessment skills.
- Evaluates the clinical teacher by:
 - Giving both written and face-to-face feedback to the clinical teacher after each observation (post-conference);
 - Diagnosing, along with the cooperating teacher, the clinical teacher's strengths and weaknesses and prescribing methods for achieving competencies;
 - Completing the final TEA Summary form and returning it to the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development in a timely manner; and
 - Assigning the final grade (pass/fail or graded). The cooperating teacher gives substantial input into the final grade.
- Is alert and responsive to potential problems. Initiate reassignment with the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development if necessary.
- Informs the Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations, and Career Development regarding special situations that may arise and areas of concern.

- Participates in the Growth Contract /APPW intervention process should it become necessary, assisting the cooperating teacher while also supporting the clinical teacher.

Culmination Phase

The TCU Field Supervisor:

- Assists the cooperating teacher in writing a letter of reference.
- Conducts a final meeting to inform the clinical teacher of procedures for applying for a teaching position, collects materials, and discusses any other pertinent information.
- Ensures all EPP and TEA required documentation is completed fully and accurately for final review.
- Expresses personal appreciation to the cooperating teacher and the principal for their participation and support of the TCU clinical teaching experience (may suggest to the clinical teacher that an appropriate card, flowers, or other small gift would be a nice departing gesture).
- Reviews the TCU clinical teacher's professional materials for job interview process (Cover letter, resume and/or portfolio).

Clinical Teaching Documentation Requirements

	Weekly Reports	3 Informal Observations <i>*Minimum of 15 minutes</i>	4 Formal Observations <i>*Minimum of 45 minutes</i>	Mid/End Benchmark	TEA Summary Form
Clinical Teacher	Completes	Reviews and signs	Provides lesson plans	Reviews and signs	Reviews and signs
Cooperating Teacher	Collaborates and provides feedback	Reviews	Approves lesson plans	Completes Mid and/or End & signs	Reviews and signs
Field Supervisor	Reviews reports each week	Conducts Observations & Post-Conferences	Conducts Pre-Conference, Observation & Post-Conference	Reviews benchmarks the end of each placement	Maintains and signs
Campus Administrator		Receives a PDF copy at the end of clinical teaching via email for confirmation of receipt.			
Coordinator of Field Experiences, Alumni Relations & Career Development	Has access throughout the semester to all documentation				
Director of Accreditation, Certification & Assessment	Has access throughout the semester to all documentation				

*Clinical Teacher and Field Supervisor maintain documentation in Google though out the Clinical Teaching Experience.

*All documentation is archived on the TCU-College of Education server for TEA / Certification.

**Transferring of data to the TCU College of Education server will happen at the end of each semester for required TEA reporting and the certification process.

Texas Education Agency

The Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath, appointment by Governor Greg Abbott on December 14, 2015, is the head of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The state agency oversees primary and secondary public education. The mission of TEA is to provide leadership, guidance and resources to help schools meet the educational needs of all students. Distribution of state funding occurs to more than 1,200 school districts and charters (approximately 5 million students).

The work of TEA and the entire public school system is driven by laws created by the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress and administrative rules adopted by the commissioner of education, the State Board of Education, and the State Board for Educator Certification. The Commissioner has support by a hierarchy of deputy commissioners, associate commissioners, division directors, and [agency staff](#). The [TEA Organizational Chart](#) (PDF, 18 KB) illustrates agency hierarchy. You can find more information about agency divisions on the TEA Divisions page.

The TEA and the [State Board of Education](#) (SBOE) guide and monitor activities and programs related to public education in Texas. The SBOE consists of 15 elected members representing different regions of the state. Appointment of one member is by the [governor](#).

Creation of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) was by the Texas Legislature in 1995 to recognize public school educators as professionals and grant educators the authority to govern the standards of their profession. The Board oversees all aspects of the preparation, certification and standards of conduct of public-school educators.

The [Texas Education Code](#) (TEC) requires that the governor appoint the following 11 voting members of the SBEC board, for six-year terms: four classroom teachers, one counselor, two administrators, and four citizens. Three non-voting members also serve on the board. The governor appoints a dean of a college of education. The Commissioner of Education appoints a staff member of the Texas Education Agency. The Commissioner of Higher Education appoints a staff member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The [Texas Administrative Code](#) (TAC) is a compilation of all state agency rules in Texas. There are 16 titles in the TAC. Each title represents a category and related agencies assignment to the appropriate title. Texas Administrative Code Title 19 Education Part 7 State Board for Educator Certification.

Definition of Terms relating to [Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs](#) and Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs

TEA coordinates with 20 Regional [Education Service Centers](#) (ESCs) that provide support to school districts and charters. They provide a wide array of training, services such as handling payrolls for districts, meeting space and much more to Texas schools. The agency also has

programs supporting [military families](#) and [homeless students](#) and provides up-to-date information on [weather and other disasters](#) affecting Texas school districts.

Teacher Association & Educational Service Centers

There are many professional organizations available to pre-service teachers.

Statewide General Teacher Associations

- [American Federation of Teachers, Texas](#)
- [Texas State Teachers Association](#)
- [Association of Texas Professional Educators](#)
- [United Educators Association](#)
- [Texas Classroom Teachers Association](#)

Content Area Teacher Organizations

- [Texas Art Education Association](#)
- [Texas Council for Social Studies](#)
- [Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance](#)
- [Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts](#)
- [Texas Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#)
- [Texas Association of Journalism Educators](#)
- [Texas Association of Bilingual Educators](#)
- [Texas Association of Biology](#)
- [Texas Music Educators Association](#)
- [Texas Business & Technology Educators Association](#)
- [Texas Teachers of English Speakers of Other Languages](#)
- [Texas Computer Education Association](#)
- [Texas Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

Educational Service Centers for Tarrant and Dallas County

ESC-Region 10 Dallas county 400 E. Spring Valley Rd. Richardson, Texas 75081 972.348.1700 <u>Teacher Job Network</u>	ESC-Region 11 Tarrant County 1451 South Cherry Lane White Settlement, Texas 76108 817.740.3600 <u>Applitrack</u>
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Career Consulting

The [TCU Career Services](#) Consultant:

- Provides one-on-one consulting and professional workshops in topics concerning educators in the workplace and in job-search / interviewing skills;
- Maintains clinical teaching placement files/e-mails for a minimum of 5 years;
- Updates alumni placement files;
- Represents TCU in its relationships, professional associations and groups, and accrediting agencies.
- Helps organize the TCU interview day during the spring semester.

Frog Jobs

The Frog Jobs powered by Handshake® online portal allows you to schedule appointments to help you with your cover letter, resume and interviewing skills.

- Go to <https://careers.tcu.edu/> and scroll down to Frog Jobs Student Log in icon.
- Select “Login with your Frog Jobs SSO” at the top of the page.
- You will use you TCU username and password to log in.
- Then select “Appointments” on the left navigation bar.
- Once you see the calendar, be sure to select “Melanie Coulson” as your career advisor and you will see available appointments there.
- Remember; check your profile for correct major and graduate year before scheduling! Interviewed? Received a job or internship offer? Other Plans? Share your success! [Click here](#).

Study Abroad Opportunities

May or June Semester

- Course: EDUC 50990, International Experiences in Education
- Interested students will need to apply via the TCU, [Study Abroad Office](#)

Scholarships

- Submit scholarship applications via TCU, Study Abroad and TCU, College of Education
- For more information, please refer to the following:
 - [TCU, Study Abroad Office](#)
 - [TCU, College of Education](#)

Accelerated Master of Education

The College of Education offers [Master of Education](#) degrees via two routes:

- Accelerated Master's Program
- Traditional

Accelerated Master's

Available only to TCU undergraduates, the Accelerated Master's program allows outstanding students to combine a bachelor's degree with the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in five years. Consideration for admissions to the Accelerated Masters programs is for candidates demonstrating superior undergraduate academic and professional performance with strong recommendations.

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the graduate program in the College of Education during the semester they complete 90 hours of undergraduate coursework. Admissions consideration to the Accelerated Master's option students must:

- Submit a Graduate Program Application for admission;
- Fulfill admission requirements;
- Be admitted into the Teacher Education Program

If admitted to the Accelerated Master's program, students may complete up to 12 semester hours of the M.Ed. program during their fourth year of undergraduate study. Students should work with their advisor to determine how the courses will apply to the undergraduate degree. At the end of the fourth year, assuming meeting all other graduation requirements and earning a baccalaureate degree. During their fifth year, students complete the remaining semester hours toward the M.Ed. degree.

Accelerated Master's M.Ed. degree options

- Curriculum Studies
- Language & Literacy
- Science Education
- Special Education

Appendix I: Texas Educator's Code of Ethics

Texas [Educators' Code of Ethics](#) TAC Title 19, Part 7, Chapter 247: RULE §247.1 states: The Texas educator shall comply with standard practices and ethical conduct toward students, professional colleagues, school officials, parents, and members of the community and shall safeguard academic freedom. The Texas educator, in maintaining the dignity of the profession, shall respect and obey the law, demonstrate personal integrity, and exemplify honesty and good moral character. The Texas educator, in exemplifying ethical relations with colleagues, shall extend just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession. The Texas educator, in accepting a position of public trust, shall measure success by the progress of each student toward realization of his or her potential as an effective citizen. The Texas educator, in fulfilling responsibilities in the community, shall cooperate with parents and others to improve the public schools of the community. This chapter shall apply to educators and candidates for certification. Enforceable Standards.

Professional Ethical Conduct, Practices and Performance

- **Standard 1.1.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in deceptive practices regarding official policies of the school district, educational institution, educator preparation program, the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and its certification process.
- **Standard 1.2.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misappropriate, divert, or use monies, personnel, property, or equipment committed to his or her charge for personal gain or advantage.
- **Standard 1.3.** The educator shall not submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement, expenses, or pay.
- **Standard 1.4.** The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage.
- **Standard 1.5.** The educator shall neither accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or that are used to obtain special advantage. This standard shall not restrict the acceptance of gifts or tokens offered and accepted openly from students, parents of students, or other persons or organizations in recognition or appreciation of service.
- **Standard 1.6.** The educator shall not falsify records, or direct or coerce others to do so.
- **Standard 1.7.** The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.
- **Standard 1.8.** The educator shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position or a responsibility on the basis of professional qualifications.
- **Standard 1.9.** The educator shall not make threats of violence against school district employees, school board members, students, or parents of students.
- **Standard 1.10.** The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state.
- **Standard 1.11.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent his or her employment history, criminal history, and/or disciplinary record when applying for subsequent employment.

- **Standard 1.12.** The educator shall refrain from the illegal use, abuse, or distribution of controlled substances, prescription drugs, and toxic inhalants.
- **Standard 1.13.** The educator shall not be under the influence of alcohol or consume alcoholic beverages on school property or during school activities when students are present.

Ethical Conduct Toward Professional Colleagues.

- **Standard 2.1.** The educator shall not reveal confidential health or personnel information concerning colleagues unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
- **Standard 2.2.** The educator shall not harm others by knowingly making false statements about a colleague or the school system.
- **Standard 2.3.** The educator shall adhere to written local school board policies and state and federal laws regarding the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of personnel.
- **Standard 2.4.** The educator shall not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political, professional, or citizenship rights and responsibilities.
- **Standard 2.5.** The educator shall not discriminate against or coerce a colleague on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, family status, or sexual orientation.
- **Standard 2.6.** The educator shall not use coercive means or promise of special treatment in order to influence professional decisions or colleagues.
- **Standard 2.7.** The educator shall not retaliate against any individual who has filed a complaint with the SBEC or who provides information for a disciplinary investigation or proceeding under this chapter.
- **Standard 2.8.** The educator shall not intentionally or knowingly subject a colleague to sexual harassment.

Ethical Conduct Toward Students.

- **Standard 3.1.** The educator shall not reveal confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
- **Standard 3.2.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor.
- **Standard 3.3.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent facts regarding a student.
- **Standard 3.4.** The educator shall not exclude a student from participation in a program, deny benefits to a student, or grant an advantage to a student on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, national origin, religion, family status, or sexual orientation.
- **Standard 3.5.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.
- **Standard 3.6.** The educator shall not solicit or engage in sexual conduct or a romantic relationship with a student or minor.
- **Standard 3.7.** The educator shall not furnish alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs to any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child or

knowingly allow any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child to consume alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs in the presence of the educator.

- **Standard 3.8.** The educator shall maintain appropriate professional educator-student relationships and boundaries based on a reasonably prudent educator standard.
- **Standard 3.9.** The educator shall refrain from inappropriate communication with a student or minor, including, but not limited to, electronic communication such as cell phone, text messaging, email, instant messaging, blogging, or other social network communication. Factors that may be considered in assessing whether the communication is inappropriate include, but are not limited to:
 - the nature, purpose, timing, and amount of the communication;
 - the subject matter of the communication;
 - whether the communication was made openly, or the educator attempted to conceal the communication;
 - whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as soliciting sexual contact or a romantic relationship;
 - whether the communication was sexually explicit; and
 - whether the communication involved discussion(s) of the physical or sexual attractiveness or the sexual history, activities, preferences, or fantasies of either the educator or the student.

Source Note: The provisions of this §247.2 adopted to be effective March 1, 1998, 23 TexReg 1022; amended to be effective August 22, 2002, 27 TexReg 7530; amended to be effective December 26, 2010, 35 TexReg 11242; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10329; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6839.

Code of Ethics online [Training Module and Certificate](#)

Appendix II: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FERPA Consent to Release Educational Records and Information

This release represents your written consent to permit Texas Christian University, College of Education to disclose educational records (as noted below) and any information contained therein to the school and other agency officials with legitimate educational interests. Further, without such a release, I am unable to participate in any field-based experiences including hours of observation, clinical teaching, practicums, student teaching, or internships. This consent covers the entire student career at TCU unless revoked in writing by the student.

Please read this document carefully and fill in all blanks.

I, _____ [print full name] am a candidate at Texas Christian University, College of Education and hereby give my voluntary consent:

To disclose the following records:

Records relating to any of my field-based experiences

Records relating to my performance in the field

TExES test score results in aggregate

To the following person(s):

School districts or other agencies associated with field-based experiences

School-based/Agency-based administrators

School-based/Agency-based cooperating teachers/mentors

Program faculty

These records are being released for the purpose of:

Conversing and reviewing performance

Acquiring feedback

Procuring required signatures

I understand that under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (“FERPA” 20 USC 123g; 34 CFR §99; commonly known as the “Buckley Amendment”) no disclosure of my records can be made without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in legal statutes and judicial decisions. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time (via written request to the TCU College of Education and the TCU Registrar’s Office) except to the extent that action has already been taken upon this release.

Signature of Candidate

Date

TCU ID Number

Email

Appendix III: Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) Resources-TEA Required Training

CODE OF ETHICS	DYSLEXIA
<p>TCU Courses: All EDUC / EDEC / EDMS / EDSE</p> <p>*Included in the TCU COE Admission Application process.</p> <p>Educators' Code of Ethics</p>	<p>TCU Courses: EDUC 40213 Promoting Literacy EDEC 30223 Reading</p> <p>Dyslexia: Characteristics, Identification, and Effective Strategies: An online course that meets the dyslexia training requirements in Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.044(b) is provided through TEA Learn. The course includes the history of dyslexia, district requirements, procedures, statistics, recognizing the signs of dyslexia, intervention strategies, and options for parents of students with dyslexia.</p>
FERPA	MENTAL HEALTH / SUICIDE
<p>TCU Courses: All EDUC / EDEC / EDMS / EDSE</p> <p>*Included in the TCU COE Admission Application process. Texas Education Agency Educators' Code of Ethics</p> <p>FERPA Form</p>	<p>TCU Courses: EDUC / EDSP 30603: Study of Exceptional Students</p> <p>Substance Abuse Youth Mental Health First Aid Training*</p> <p>Suicide Prevention (Choose 1) At-Risk (Kognito) Training ACT on FACTS: Making Educators Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention Plan, Prepare, Prevent: The SOS Signs of Suicide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training*</p> <p>Teaching and Intervening with Students with Mental or Emotional Disorders Texas Behavior Support Initiative Training Youth Mental Health First Aid Training</p>
DIGITAL LITERACY	
<p>TCU Course: EDUC 30113 Digital Literacy & Citizenship EDEC 42236 / EDMS 40986 / EDSE & EDUC 40966: Clinical/Student Teaching</p> <p>(Texas Senate Bill 1839 – Passed June 12, 2017) https://www.iste.org/standards/for-educators</p>	

Appendix IV: Field Experience Forms

Texas Christian University - Field-Based Experiences			
Candidate Name:		TEA #:	
Certification Area:		Admission Date:	
Summary of Hours Completed Through Experiences			
Course		Hours Completed	
		Engagement	Observation
Course #1: Course Information		0:00:00	0:00:00
Course #2: Course Information		0:00:00	0:00:00
Course #3: Course Information		0:00:00	0:00:00
Course #4: Course Prefix/Number		0:00:00	0:00:00
Total		0:00:00	0:00:00
Instructions			
<p>Candidates are responsible for completing the field log for each individual field experience attached to the specific course as identified. The date, time (am-pm), and type of field experience must be logged. It is important not to delete or adjust any of the calculation cells. The total time will automatically populate and total hours are completed for the individual course worksheet and overall on the Cover Sheet.</p> <p>Per Texas Administrative Code §228.43 and the Texas Education Agency a total of 50 clock-hours at a minimum must be completed after College of Education Educator Preparation admissions and prior to Clinical Teaching or Clinical Teaching / Residency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 25 clock-hours must be completed actively engaged in instruction or educational activities - engagement. • The other 25 clock-hours can be observational. <p>Each field-based experience must include a <u>written reflection</u> of the experience that is guided by the EPP; unique from the other reflections; is a detailed reflection on the experience; and identifies educational practices experienced and/or observed.</p> <p>The forms must be completed entirely, verified and signed by the instructor and partner teacher for each experience with a reflection as specified included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that all activities engaged in are checked during each visit under "Engagement." <input type="checkbox"/> Double click on date cells for a calendar selection and when recording time, use am and pm. <input type="checkbox"/> Please do not edit or update formulated cells on the Cover Sheet or the daily hours calculation column for each course log. 			




Texas Christian University - Field-Based Experience

Instructor Name:			
Course:	EDSP 30241: SPED	Semester (semester/year):	
Partner Teacher Name/TEA # / Email:	Content Certificate Area:		
Subject Area:	Grade Level:		
Campus:	District:		

Engagement Hours									Observation Hours				
Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Daily Hours	Small Group	Whole Group	One-on-One	Co-Teaching	Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Daily Hours
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29				0:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29				0:00
30				0:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30				0:00
Engaged Weekly Total				0:00:00					Observation Weekly Total				0:00:00

Partner Teacher Signature:		Date:	
Instructor Signature:		Date:	

Appendix V: Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk



TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
INFORMED CONSENT, ASSUMPTION OF RISK,
RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Program: _____ Course Number (if applicable): _____
 Instructor/Sponsor: _____ Semester/Dates of Participation: _____
 Destination or Location of Program: _____

Please read, sign, and return this form to _____. Note that program participation will not be permitted until the signed form is received and acknowledged by the office/individual indicated above.

Printed Name of Student/Program Participant: _____ Student ID: _____

In consideration of my participation in this Program, I agree as follows:

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS: Despite precautions, accidents and injuries can occur. I understand and appreciate that certain dangers, hazards and risks of harm are or may be inherent in participating in the Program, including those associated with travel and transportation to and from the Program and in any independent research or activities I undertake as an adjunct to the Program, due to acts of third parties, natural disaster, and other occurrences. I acknowledge and understand that TCU and its agents and employees cannot control all of these risks. I have reviewed the activities and events associated with the Program, including the specific risks described below. I acknowledge that the nature of the Program and related activities, events, and transportation may expose me to hazards and risks that may result in my personal or bodily injury, illness or death, and/or loss or damage of property, and I accept all risks to my health and property that may result from my participation in the Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to know and provide what I will need for participation in the Program. I agree not to wear, use or do anything that would pose a hazard to myself or others, including using or ingesting any substance which could pose a hazard to myself or others. I agree that if I do not act in accordance with this agreement, I may be dismissed from the Program.

HEALTH INSURANCE: I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WHICH EXTENDS TO ME WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, AND I VERIFY THAT HAVE SUCH COVERAGE OR WILL SECURE SUCH COVERAGE IF I DO NOT ALREADY HAVE IT. I understand that TCU does not provide such coverage and that no insurance coverage may exist through TCU to cover any injuries or damages which I may sustain or claims which may arise as a result of my participation in the Course/Activity.

SPECIFIC RISKS OF TRAVEL OR PROGRAM: I understand that traveling, doing fieldwork or being in a large city may be potentially dangerous and that I may be injured and/or lose or damage personal property as a result of participation in the Program. Further, I understand that TCU accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses incurred by me due to delay or changes in air, hotel, or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, terrorist acts, pandemic, quarantine, breakdown in equipment, theft or other causes. Specific risks related to the Program include but are not limited to:

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: I hereby acknowledge that TCU is not representing, sponsoring, endorsing or acting as an agent for any transportation carriers, hotels, or other suppliers of goods or services that may be used in connection with the Program. I understand that TCU may procure these goods or services only as a convenience to participants, but TCU is not providing or selling the goods or services. I assume all the risks of using such providers or suppliers and acknowledge that TCU assumes no liability, in

whole or in part, for damages, injuries, losses, or additional expenses arising from the action or inaction of any such provider or supplier or the condition or quality of the goods or services supplied, including and damages, losses, or additional expenses incurred by me due to delay or changes in arrangements for the Program. I further understand that TCU is not responsible for matters beyond its control. I acknowledge that TCU reserves the right to cancel the trip without penalty or to make any modifications to the itinerary and/or academic Program as deemed necessary by TCU.

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY: I understand that TCU is not responsible for any loss or damage I may suffer when I am traveling independently or when I am otherwise separated or absent from Program activities. In addition, I understand that any travel that I do independently on my own before, during or after the TCU sponsored Program is entirely at my own expense and risk.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities associated with the Program. I have reviewed the activities associated with the Program, and I have been advised to consult with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. I represent and warrant that there are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in this Program, and by my signature below I represent and warrant that I am physically able to participate in all planned activities associated with the Program. I agree to stop and seek assistance if I do not believe I can safely continue any activity during the Program. I represent that I have advised TCU of any physical or mental disabilities and/or needs which may affect my ability to participate fully in the Program and have requested and received reasonable accommodation, if needed. I recognize that TCU is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risks and responsibility for same. I agree to pay all expenses relating to my medical or medication needs.

TCU RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES: I agree to abide by the guidelines set forth in TCU's Code of Student Conduct and to obey and comply with all times with all of the rules, regulations, and policies of TCU while participating in the Program, including those which may be employed to minimize the risks of injury, as well as compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: In consideration of my participation in the Program and TCU transporting me (if applicable), I hereby release TCU and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all liability to me or my personal representatives, heirs, estate, and assigns for claims, demands, expenses or causes of action I have or may have in the future for any loss or damage to property, injury, accident or expense arising out of, resulting from, caused by, occurring during or in any way connected with the Program or my participation in it, REGARDLESS OF WHO MAY BE AT FAULT OR RESPONSIBLE UNDER ANY LEGAL THEORY AND EVEN IF SUCH DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY OR DEATH ARISES FROM OR IS CAUSED BY OR ATTRIBUTABLE TO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF TCU but excluding any gross negligence or willful misconduct of TCU. IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT THAT THE ABOVE RELEASE INCLUDES THE RELEASE BY ME OF TCU FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF TCU'S OWN NEGLIGENCE. THE ONLY CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH MY RELEASE OF TCU DOES NOT APPLY IS WITH RESPECT TO ANY OCCURRENCE RESULTING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF TCU.

CONTROLLING LAW AND JURISDICTION: The terms of this Informed Consent, Assumption of the Risk, Release from Liability, and Indemnity Agreement are to be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas, and venue with respect to any dispute arising between TCU and any other party that involves this Release and Indemnity Agreement or that involves my participation in the Course/Activity shall be exclusively in Tarrant County, Texas.

SEVERABILITY: Each provision of this Informed Consent, Assumption of the Risk, Release from Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is severable and if one portion is invalid or illegal, such invalid or illegal portion shall not apply but the remaining portions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. I understand that the terms of the Release and Indemnity Agreement are contractual and not mere recitals and are binding upon me, my heirs, personal representatives and assigns.

SIGNATURE: I indicate that by my signature below that I have read the terms and conditions of participation and agree to abide by them. I have carefully read this Informed Consent, Assumption of the Risk, Release from Liability, and Indemnity Agreement and acknowledge that I understand it. My signature below indicates that I have read and freely signed this agreement, which take effect as a sealed instrument.

IMPORTANT – READ ENTIRE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

 Signature of Program Participant

 Date

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IF PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR – PARENT APPROVAL: As parent or legal guardian of the above-mentioned Program Participant, I agree to and approve the terms of this Release and Indemnity Agreement on behalf of myself (including releasing any claims I may have against TCU related to the Program) and on behalf of the Program Participant. I consent to the Program Participant's participation in the Program and warrant that I have full authority to do so on behalf of myself, the Program Participant, and the Program Participant's heirs, personal representatives, and assigns. I understand and assume the risks of the Program Participant's participation in the Course/Activity.

I FURTHER AGREE TO DEFEND TCU AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, INVESTIGATIONS AND DEMANDS AND TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS TCU any and all losses, liabilities, settlements, judgments, damages and costs (including court costs, attorneys fees and costs of investigation), for any damage to or loss of any property or any personal or bodily injury, illness or death of any person or any one or more of the foregoing, arising out of Program Participant's participation in the Program, REGARDLESS OF WHO MAY BE AT FAULT OR RESPONSIBLE UNDER ANY LEGAL THEORY AND EVEN IF SUCH DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY OR DEATH ARISES FROM OR IS CAUSED BY OR ATTRIBUTABLE TO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF TCU but excluding any gross negligence or willful misconduct of TCU. IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT THAT THE ABOVE INDEMNITY INCLUDES INDEMNIFICATION BY ME OF TCU FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF TCU'S OWN NEGLIGENCE. THE ONLY CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH MY OBLIGATION TO INDEMNIFY TCU DOES NOT APPLY IS WITH RESPECT TO AN OCCURRENCE RESULTING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF TCU.

 Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
 (if Program Participant is a minor)

 Date

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Appendix VI: Coursework Acknowledgement Form



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TCU Box 297900
Fort Worth, TX 76129
817.257.7660

Acknowledgement Form: Adequate Academic Progress

Student Name _____ TCU ID# _____ Date: _____
 Anticipated Graduation Term: Spring Summer Fall Year: _____

The purpose of this documentation is to verify student acknowledgement that a currently unmet degree requirement(s) must be successfully completed in order to be recommended for the following (Check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Advancement to Clinical Teaching	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Graduation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Certification	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coursework	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educator Preparation Program Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Required TExES for Initial Certification	

Action Plan:

Successful completion of the aforementioned degree requirement(s) must occur on or before the following date:

By signing this form, the student is indicating they are aware of these conditions and the COE representative is acknowledging his/her/their communication of this information to the student.

 Student **Printed Name and Signature* Date

 COE Representative **Printed Name and Signature* Date

 COE Representative **Printed Name and Signature* Date

Appendix VII: Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning

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Academic Performance and Professionalism Warning

This form must be completed and signed by the student, faculty, and the Department Chair. See [TCU Undergraduate Catalog](#) or the [TCU Graduate Catalog](#) for additional requirements.

Student Name

TCU ID #

Major

Minor or Specialization

Faculty Concerns: _____

Potential Strategies and Solutions: _____

Strategies and Solutions should be completed by: _____

_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
_____ Faculty Signature	_____ Date
_____ Faculty Signature	_____ Date
_____ Faculty Signature	_____ Date
_____ Department Chair (Signature)	_____ Date

Please return the completed form to the Department Chair.


*CC: Dean of Students
Student*

Appendix VIII: Professionalism Educator Disposition: Admission Essay Rubric

TCU College of Education Undergraduate Admissions: Scoring Rubric for Applicant Essay				
Applicant Name: _____				ID #: _____
Reviewer: _____	_____	_____	_____	Date: _____
English	Unsatisfactory (0)	Needs Improvement (score range 0.5-1.5)	Satisfactory (2)	Score and Comments
1. How do you envision meeting the needs of students from diverse backgrounds and experiences in your future classroom?	The candidate's response indicates a deficit perspective when considering diversity in the classroom.	The candidate's response acknowledges some aspects of diversity and articulates but may emphasize deficits more than strengths.	The candidate's response acknowledges future students' diverse cultural, linguistic, economic, and/or academic experiences as assets to build upon rather than adopting a deficit perspective.	Score: _____
2. Describe two of your personal characteristics that will enable you to be a successful teacher in the certification you are seeking.	The candidate's reflections on his/her own strengths are superficial and/or irrelevant to the teaching profession.	The candidate's reflections on his/her own strengths demonstrate some traits that may adversely affect professionalism. Responses show minimal ability to reflect on relevant experiences.	The candidate reflects on his/her own strengths with clarity and relevance.	Score: _____
3. Describe two of your personal characteristics that may present a challenge for you to be a successful teacher in the certification you are seeking.	The candidate's reflections on own weaknesses are superficial and/or irrelevant to the teaching profession.	The candidate's reflections on his/her own weaknesses demonstrate some traits that may adversely affect professionalism. Responses show minimal ability to reflect on relevant experiences.	The candidate reflects on his/her own weaknesses with clarity and relevance.	Score: _____
Overall assessment of candidate's <u>written</u> communication skills.	The candidate's use of language is unclear and confusing throughout all responses.	The candidate inconsistently uses standard grammar and syntax.	The candidate's responses are well-constructed with minor, infrequent lapses in clarity and grammar.	Score: _____
Total Score				_____

Essays will be scored using the provided rubric. If the combined total score for the applicant is less than 4 and/or if any of the rubric categories are scored as 0, then the candidate will be denied. Applicants who do not score at or above a 4 on the overall rubric will participate in an interview with at least two College of Education or relevant college faculty to collectively develop an action plan that addresses the applicant's deficiencies. The applicant will then be re-evaluated on a modified scoring rubric for the interview.

Appendix IX: Clinical Teaching Forms



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Texas Christian University - Clinical Teaching

Weekly Log #1

TEA ID

Clinical Teacher:

Day	Date	Instruction %	Start Time	End Time	Daily Hours
Monday	1/6/2025				0:00:00
Tuesday	1/7/2025				0:00:00
Wednesday	1/8/2025				0:00:00
Thursday	1/9/2025				0:00:00
Friday	1/10/2025				0:00:00
Weekly Total					0:00:00
Number of Days					0

Student Reflection

Cooperating Teacher Recommendations / Feedback


*The TCU Candidate was engaged in the following activities during the week.
(Check all that apply)*

- Tutoring
- Assisting with Instruction
- Developing Lesson Plans
- Teaching Small Groups
- Grading
- Teaching Entire Class
- Attendance
- Organizing Materials
- Other (Please note below)

Appendix IX: Clinical Teaching Form

TCU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION		Informal Observation				Observation #1			
TCU COE Candidate Name				Date					
Program				Lesson Beginning Time					
Cooperating / Host Teacher				Lesson End Time					
Campus Administrator				Observation Minutes				0	
TCU COE Field Supervisor				Per TAC 228, the 1st informal observation must occur within the <i>first 4 weeks of placement for a minimum of 15 minutes in-person.</i>					
School / District									
Grade / Content									
Co-Teaching Approaches Observed	Teach / Observe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teach / Assist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Co-Teaching Observed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Team Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parallel Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	Station Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	
What was observed today?	Type general notes about what was seen today.								
Reinforcement & Refinement Goals	Reinforcement Dimension	2.2 Content knowledge & expertise: Uses content and pedagogical expertise to design and execute lessons aligned with state standards, related content and student needs.	Reinforcement Notes	Type your reinforcement notes here for what went well					
	Refinement Dimension	2.3 Clearly and accurately communicate to support persistence	Refinement Notes	Type your refinement notes here for what to work on next. The text will wrap, even though it looks like it won't					
Post-Observation Conference	Electronic (Email / Text)	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Video Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Post-Conference Date			Post-Conference Date					
Post-Observation Notes	Delete this text and type notes.								
Reflection Questions	Delete this text and type 1-3 questions.								
Next Steps & Follow Up (Time-bound)	Delete this text and type notes.								

		Formal Observation			Observation # 1			
Candidate Name		Date						
Program		Lesson Beginning Time						
Cooperating / Host Teacher		Lesson End Time						
Campus Administrator		Observation Minutes	0					
Field Supervisor		Per TAC 228, the first observation must occur within the first 6 weeks of placement for a minimum of 45 minutes in person.						
School / District								
Grade / Subject								
Pre-Observation Conference *24 hours prior	Electronic (Email / Text)	<input type="checkbox"/>	In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Video Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pre-Conference Date			Pre-Conference Time				
OBSERVATION	1 Improvement Needed	2 Developing	3 Proficient	4 Accomplished	5 Distinguished	EVIDENCE		
DOMAIN 1: PLANNING								
1.1 Standards & Alignment: Designs clear, well-organized, sequential lessons that reflect best practice, align with standards and are appropriate for diverse learners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type evidence and notes here. The text will wrap, even though it doesn't look like it will.		
1.2 Data & Assessment: Uses formal and informal methods to measure student progress, then manages and analyzes student data to inform instruction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
1.3 Knowledge of Students: Through knowledge of students and proven practices, the teacher ensures high levels of learning, social emotional development and achievement for all students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
1.4 Activities: Plans engaging, flexible lessons that encourage higherorder thinking, persistence and achievement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
DOMAIN 2: INSTRUCTION								
2.1 Achieving Expectations: Supports all learners in their pursuit of high levels of academic and social-emotional success.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type evidence and notes here. The text will wrap, even though it doesn't look like it will.		
2.2 Content Knowledge & Expertise: Uses content and pedagogical expertise to design and execute lessons aligned with state standards, related content and student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.3 Communication: Clearly and accurately communicates to support persistence, deeper learning and effective effort.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.4 Differentiation: Differentiates instruction, aligning methods and techniques to diverse student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.5 Monitor & Adjust: Formally and informally collects, analyzes and uses student progress data and makes needed lesson adjustments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
DOMAIN 3: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT								
3.1 Classroom Environment, Routines, & Procedures: Organizes a safe, accessible and efficient classroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type evidence and notes here. The text will wrap, even though it doesn't look like it will.		
3.2 Managing Student Behavior: Establishes, communicates and maintains clear expectations for student behavior.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3.3 Classroom Culture: Leads a mutually respectful and collaborative class of actively engaged learners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
DOMAIN 4: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE & RESPONSIBILITIES								
4.1 Professional Demeanor & Ethics: Meets district expectations for attendance, professional appearance, decorum, procedural, ethical, legal and statutory responsibilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type evidence and notes here. The text will wrap, even though it doesn't look like it will.		
4.2 Goal Setting: Reflects on their practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
4.3 Professional Development: Enhances the professional community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

 TEA Summary Midterm Benchmark				Signatures and Documentation			
		Semester	Fall	Date			
TCU COE Candidate Name		TEA ID		Email			
Program				Certification			
Cooperating / Host Teacher		TEA ID		Email			
Campus Administrator				Email			
Field Supervisor		TEA ID		Email			
School / District				Grade / Subject			
Start Date		Current Hours Complete per Field Log		Projected End Date per Field Log			
3-Way Conference 1							
Formal Observation 1	Date	Start Time		End Time	Minutes	0	
Formal Observation 2	Date	Start Time		End Time	Minutes	0	
Informal Observation 1	Date	Start Time		End Time	Minutes	0	
Informal Observation 2	Date	Start Time		End Time	Minutes	0	
Informal Observation 3	Date	Start Time		End Time	Minutes	0	
Overall Comments and Recommendations	Type your notes here.						
Cooperating Teacher	By completing this form I affirm that the teacher candidate has demonstrated proficiency in each of the educator standards listed above. I affirm that the teacher candidate should be recommended for certification. <i>(Checking Do Not Recommend requires additional documentation and recommendations from the Cooperating/Host Teacher)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Recommend	Recommend with Reservations	Do Not Recommend at This Time	
Field Supervisor	By completing this form I affirm that the teacher candidate has demonstrated proficiency in each of the educator standards listed above. I affirm that the teacher candidate should be recommended for certification. <i>(Checking Do Not Recommend requires additional documentation and recommendations from the Field Supervisor)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Recommend	Recommend with Reservations	Do Not Recommend at This Time	
Required Signatures <i>(Print, sign, scan, and file in candidate's Google Drive Folder)</i>	TCU COE Clinical Teacher Candidate	<i>*To insert signature here, you may use the INSERT - DRAWING - LINE - SCRIBBLE or choose a jpeg or png of a signature then choose INSERT - IMAGE - IMAGE OVER CELLS.</i>			Date		
	Cooperating Teacher	<i>*To insert signature here, you may use the INSERT - DRAWING - LINE - SCRIBBLE or choose a jpeg or png of a signature then choose INSERT - IMAGE - IMAGE OVER CELLS.</i>			Date		
	Field Supervisor	<i>*To insert signature here, you may use the INSERT - DRAWING - LINE - SCRIBBLE or choose a jpeg or png of a signature then choose INSERT - IMAGE - IMAGE OVER CELLS.</i>			Date		

Appendix X: Filing Complaints and Grievances

Filing a complaint is a two-stage process:

STAGE I: Register your complaint following the appeals process listed below.

Students

Faculty

Cooperating Teachers, Principals, Partnering Districts and Students

Stage II: File complaint with the Texas Education Agency

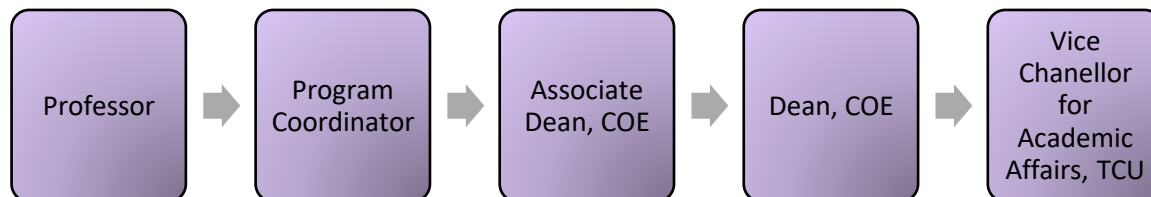
STAGE I: Register your complaint following the appeals process

Complaints or reports should be made as soon as possible after an incident. Students and employees should first follow the appropriate complaint procedures in the College of Education as noted in the TCU Official [Student Handbook](#) and the [Faculty Staff Handbook](#).

Students

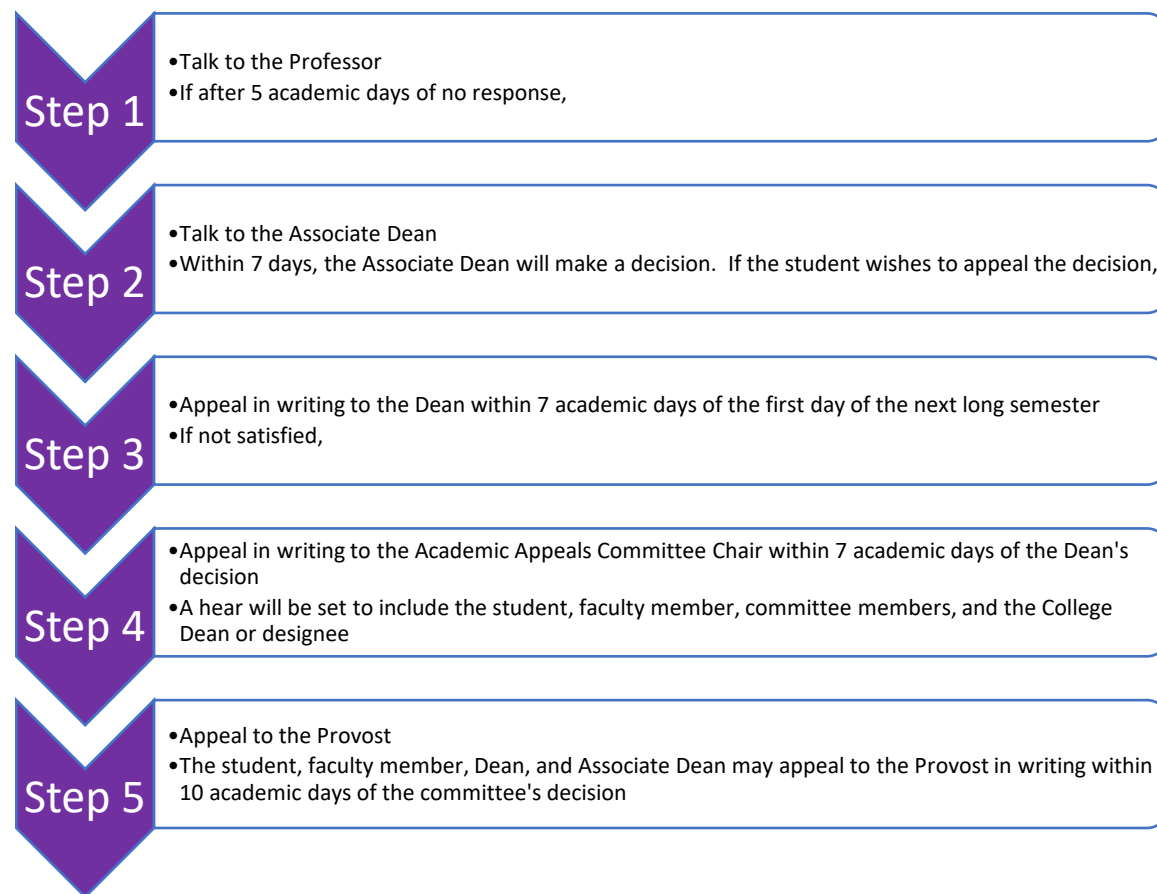
Course Concerns (not grading, sexual harassment, or discriminatory harassment)

*If a student has a concern, the conversation will first begin with the course professor and follow the communication pattern below:



Grade Appeals

These must be initiated no later than 5 academic days of the beginning of the next semester.

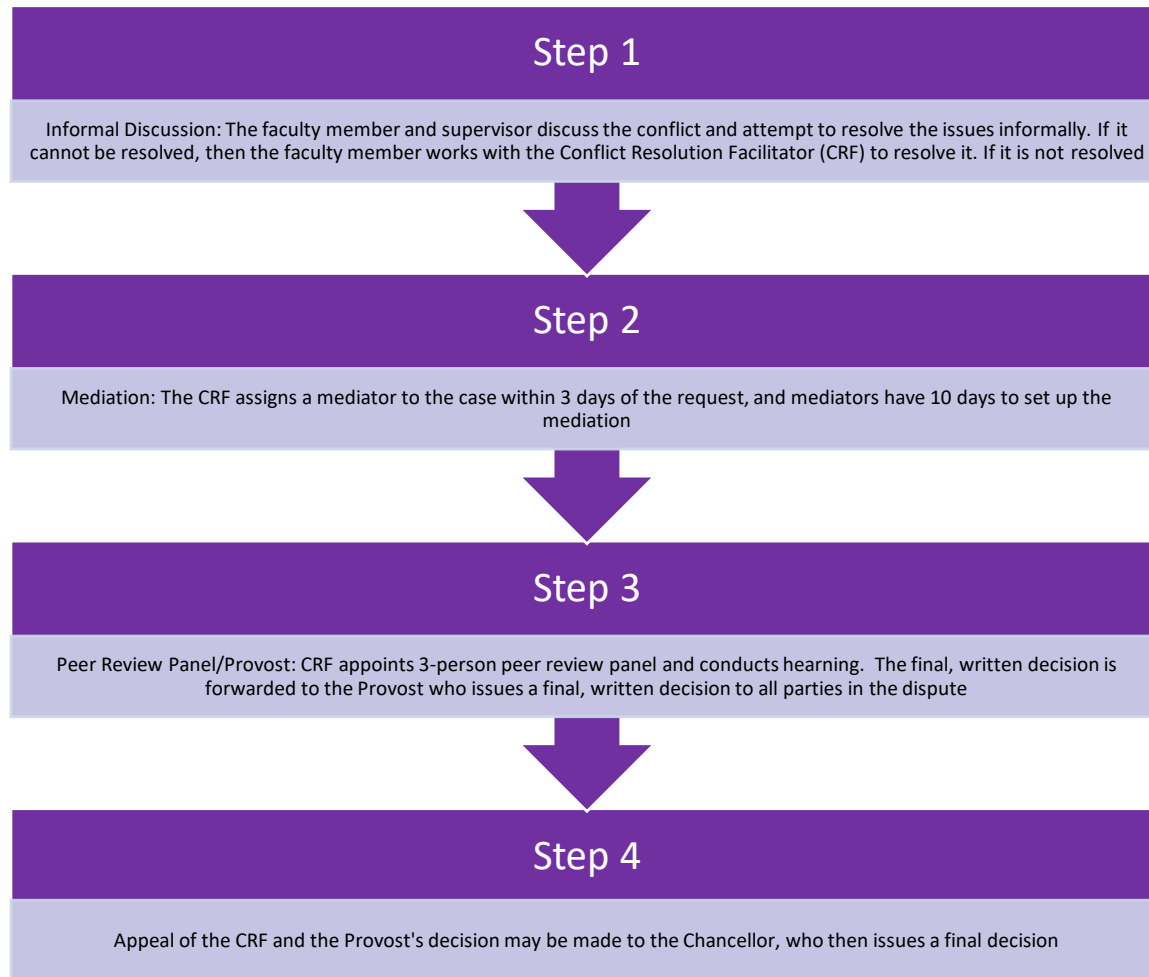


For more detailed information, refer to the [TCU Official Student Handbook](#).

If the complaint cannot be resolved after all College of Education and Texas Christian University processes have been exhausted, see Stage II.

Faculty

Dispute or grievance is a complaint or concern voiced by any College of Education faculty member regarding a condition of employment or the application, meaning, or interpretation of policies or procedures as they affect work activity. Issues related to faculty tenure, promotion and/or reappointment are not considered for tenure track faculty under this policy.

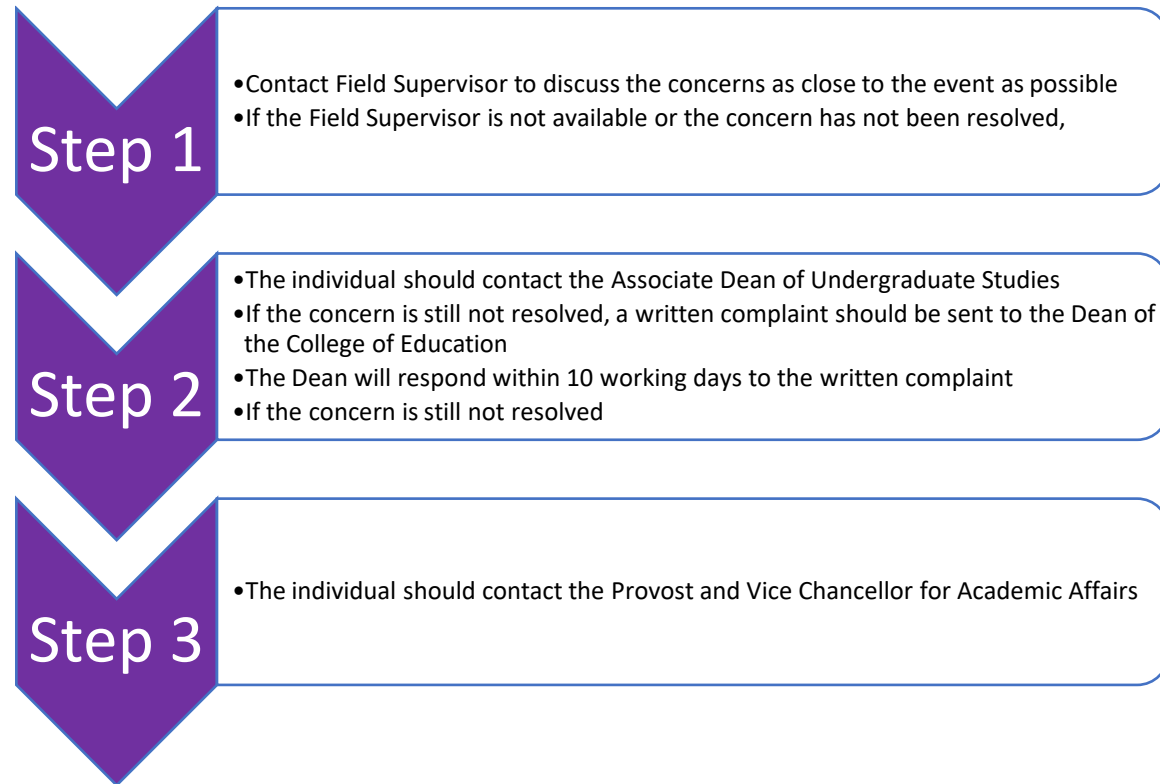


See the [TCU Faculty and Staff Handbook](#) for complete information on timelines and procedures for faculty appeals.

If the complaint cannot be resolved after all College of Education and Texas Christian University processes have been exhausted, see Stage II.

Cooperating Teachers, Principals, Partnering Districts and Students

If the cooperating teacher, principal, or partnering district has a complaint that is not included under Sexual Harassment and Discriminatory Harassment, the individual should:



Sexual Harassment and Discriminatory Harassment

Complaints or reports should be made as soon as possible after an incident. All individuals are encouraged to report discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct and retaliation so that prompt effective action can be taken.

All complaints and third-party reports of conduct in violation of this policy should be made to the [Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator](#) (“Title IX Coordinator”). All complaints against a student will be referred to [The Dean of Students Office](#).

There are several ways to submit a complaint or report:

- Leave a private message for the Title IX Coordinator at (817) 257-8228.
- File a written complaint with the Title IX Coordinator.
- Make an appointment to see the Title IX Coordinator or one of the Deputy Title IX Officers.

Complaints against a student for conduct alleged to have been committed by a student in violation of this policy can also be made to [The Dean of Students Office](#).

Title IX Coordinator
Ms. Andrea McDew
a.vircks@tcu.edu
TCU Box 298980,
The Harrison Suite 1800
Fort Worth, Texas 76129

The Title IX Coordinator coordinates and tracks all complaints and reports of conduct alleged to violate this policy. The Title IX Coordinator may handle a complaint alleging a violation of this policy, or it may be handled by one of the Deputy Title IX Officers, or another appropriate University official. The Title IX Coordinator and/or Deputy Title IX Officers may confer with one another or others when deemed appropriate. (see [TCU Faculty/Staff Handbook](#) or [TCU Official Student Handbook](#)).

If the complaint cannot be resolved after all College of Education and Texas Christian University processes have been exhausted, see Stage II.

STAGE II: File Complaint with TEA

If the student, faculty member, or staff member is unable to resolve the complaint at the institutional level, and all TCU's complaint and appeal processes have been exhausted, the individual may file a complaint with the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The official TEA complaint process can be found at www.tea.texas.gov in the banner located at the bottom of the page and then select "Educator Preparation Programs" or click on the following [Complaints Against Educator Preparation Programs](#).

The complaint process allows for an applicant or a candidate in an educator preparation program to seek redress in areas where they feel that the program did not fulfill requirements for certification or for actions that the candidate feels are wrong. Educator preparation programs may also file a complaint about the actions of other programs when it involves a candidate transferring into a program.

Not all complaints fall under the authority of TEA. TEA has jurisdiction to investigate allegations of noncompliance regarding specific laws and rules, generally related to state and federal requirements. Complaints may address educator preparation program requirements listed in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) in Chapters 227, 228, 229, ethics (TAC 247), fingerprinting (TAC §§227,232) and certification (TAC §§230, 231, 232, 239, 241, 242)

All complaints filed with the TEA must be in writing. We do not accept complaints by phone or complaints that are submitted anonymously. A person or entity may file a written complaint with TEA by filling out the [complaint form](#) online or by mailing a hard copy to the address on the form.

To adequately review and address a complaint, TEA needs specific details. We must be able to identify a clear violation of TAC and determine whether the agency has authority to act upon the allegation.

Complaints submissions should include the following:

- The reasons you believe the issues raised in your complaint are valid. You should also indicate how you believe that TEA can assist you with this matter. Remember that TEA cannot assist you in understanding your contractual arrangement with the educator preparation program, arranging for a refund, obtaining a higher grade or credit for training, or seeking reinstatement to an educator preparation program.
- Documentation to support your claim when possible. For example, if you refer in your complaint to an educator preparation program policy, include a copy of the policy with your complaint. Helpful documentation might include letters or e-mails exchanged between the parties.

Texas Education Agency staff will send confirmation of a complaint within 30 days of receiving the submission. Remember, information the public sends to TEA by email may not be secure. Do not email sensitive information to TEA. The agency will remove confidential or sensitive information when replying by email. TEA will maintain confidentiality of information to the extent the law allows.

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §228. 70

Appendix XI: Resources

Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 463-9734
[Texas Education Agency](#)

State Board for Educator Certification
1701 N. Congress Ave.
WBT 5-100
Austin, Texas 78701
512-463-8762 (fax)
[State Board for Educator Certification](#)

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills): [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\) TExES Standards, Domains, & Competencies](#)
Pearson: [Test Prep, Registration, and Score Reporting](#)
TEA: [Login](#) and [Help Desk](#)
Pearson Learning Studio (eCollege): TCU Online Resources: [Pearson Learning Studio \(eCollege\)](#)
Turn-it-in: [Turnitin](#)
Grammar Check: [Grammar Check](#)
TCU Writing Center: [TCU Writing Center](#)
Texas Educators' Code of Ethics: [Texas Educators' Code of Ethics](#)
Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition: [APA 7](#)